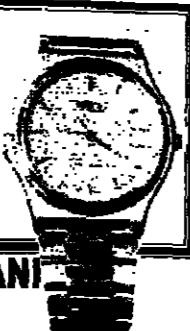


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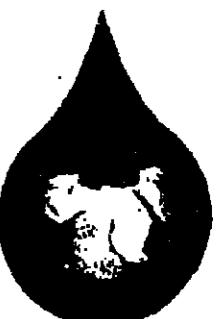
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US will try to get UN resolution implemented

Gulf war will end soon: Walters

By Jadranska Porter

THE US Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, has expressed hope that the Iraq-Iran war will end soon because "the people of both countries must be tired of the conflict."

He pledged further US efforts towards implementing the UN ceasefire resolution.

Walters was speaking at a news conference before leaving Kuwait for Oman.

"I would say that I have a real indication that the war is drawing to an end but I am an old soldier and I know what war is about. War is one thing in the capital, it is another thing in the trenches," said Walters, who held the rank of general in the US Army.

Stress

He said the Gulf war figured prominently in the wide-ranging and useful discussions he had with HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the minister of state for Cabinet Affairs and the under-secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His visit to Kuwait, his first to the Gulf state, forms part of a Mideast and Gulf tour which includes visits to all the countries of the region except the two Yemens.

He stressed the UN Security Council resolution 598 calling for the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran conflict is not dead and pointed out that the US will never abandon it.



HH the Amir yesterday received Walters (left).

don its support for it.

"We will work hard and earnestly and urge all our friends to help us get the second resolution on the embargo if Iran does not accept 598," Walters said.

He indicated that President Reagan would attempt to enlist Soviet support for the embargo resolution during his visit to Moscow at the end of this month.

Walters said that Iran's Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who recently declared that Iran was at war with the US, is given to great exaggerations.

He added that the US prefers to keep Iran worrying about

what would be a sufficient provocation for the US to consider itself at war with Iran.

He said he was unaware of any proposed deal for the release of American hostages held in Beirut.

"We don't believe that the way you do things is to bargain with the terrorists and in no way will the United States ever bring pressure of any kind in that troublesome area upon the Kuwaiti government," said Walters.

The American hostages are held by Shiite Muslim militants who demand the release of 17 terrorists held in Kuwait.

Discussions on hostages in

public, he said, could harm their safety. "We should think of the hostages always, we should speak much about them in private but not often in public. The less one talks about it the safer they are."

Commenting on the reported threat by Hezbollah in Beirut to kill the hostages in the event of Syrian troops penetrating into the suburbs in southern Beirut, Walters said: "It is a savage statement. I hope they will not be insane and do something like that. Such an action would obviously have consequences."

He later arrived in Muscat, the Omani capital.

Attack on UK tanker

Iraq rejects British protest

BAGHDAD, May 23. (Agencies): Iraq has rejected a British protest over an Iraqi air raid in the Gulf in which the British-flag tanker Burmah Endeavour was set on fire, the official Iraqi News Agency INA reported today.

The agency issued text of the British government protest, delivered to the Iraqi embassy in London on May 17, and Baghdad's reply two days later.

Britain described the attack on the Burmah Endeavour as premeditated, unjustified and illegal. It said it clearly breached the UN Security Council resolution last July which ordered a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and a

The British government said it

was accepted by the Iraqi government.

Iraq replied that the ship was in "an area of war operations within Iran's territorial waters, which means that it was dealing with the consequences of legitimate war operations."

International law allowed Iraq, as party to an armed conflict with Iran, to carry out war operations against ships cooperating with the enemy, it said.

Iraq warned today it may launch fresh offensives against Iran if Tehran continued to reject a peaceful settlement of the Gulf conflict.

The Burmah Endeavour was hit on May 14 in an Iraqi raid on Iran's Larak oil terminal. The Iraqi jets also damaged the world's biggest tanker, the 564,739-tonne Liberian-registered Seawise Giant, and two other tankers.

The British government said it

had rejected an Iranian truce proposal that called for the deployment of a joint force to re-establish peace and order in the sprawling suburbs, where fierce fighting between Amal and Hezbollah erupted on May 6.

"Syria refuses any Iranian peace role ... they want to take control of security in the suburbs just as they did in West Beirut," one source said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Turkish foreign minister arrives

Bomb blasts rock Athens

ATHENS. May 23, (AP): A local terrorist group today claimed responsibility for bomb attacks in downtown Athens against cars owned by Turkish diplomats, security police said.

The explosions occurred hours before Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz was arriving for a four-day visit.

The leftwing November 17 group, which has taken responsibility for more than a dozen political killings in Greece, made the claim in a statement sent to the Athens afternoon daily Ethnos, a security police spokesman said.

The five-page typewritten statement was published in today's edition of the leftwing newspaper, saying it had targeted "the fascist Turkish regime which has occupied Cypriot territory by force for the past 14 years."

Premier Andreas Papandreou's Socialist government condemned the attacks, which caused no injuries but damaged two cars belonging to Turkish

Embassy administrative officials.

"The government expresses abhorrence for these criminal bomb attacks and condemns most categorically every form of terrorism, whatever its origin," a government statement said.

Bombs exploded beneath cars parked 300 metres apart in a downtown residential area.

Defused

Greek bomb disposal experts defused other devices left beneath two other Turkish cars parked near the embassy building on Vassileos Georgiou Street close to the city centre, said the security police spokesman.

Yilmaz arrived today at the head of a Turkish delegation which will hold political cooperation talks with senior Greek officials on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The talks are being held under tight security at a seaside hotel near Athens airport following anti-Turkish threats by Cypriots. Kurdish political



A senior police officer inspects the trunk of a wrecked car in central Athens. (Reuter wirephoto)

refugees and Greeks who formerly lived in the Turkish city of Istanbul.

The Cypriots are protesting the continuing presence of an estimated 30,000 Turkish troops in Northern Cyprus. Turkey invaded the Mediterranean island in July 1974 following an Athens-inspired coup.

Since then, the island has been split into separate Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot sectors.

Targets

In the past, November 17 has targeted American diplomats and leading Greek businessmen. The group is named for the day in 1973 that troops crushed a

student rebellion against the 1967-74 military dictatorship.

While political discussions take place in Athens, senior economic officials will hold three days of trade and tourism talks in the Turkish capital of Ankara.

The talks are part of a long-term plan to boost Greek-Turkish relations launched by premiers Andreas Papandreou of Greece and Turgut Ozal of Turkey at a January meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

The two premiers also pledged to make annual visits to each other's capitals, and Ozal is due to make a trip to Athens from June 13-15.

The minister sought to shift blame on Indian Television, watched widely in Bangladesh, which followed freak rainstorms in southeast China reached 78

today and is expected to rise further, the official China news service said.

The TV went off the air for five minutes last year after censors letsip through a kissing scene in the popular US serial Dallas and technicians inadvertently switched off the broadcast.

Foreign films on Dhaka TV 'no threat to morality'

DHAKA, May 23, (Reuter): Foreign films shown on Bangladeshi state television are educational and not intended to promote nudity or open sex, Information Minister Mahbub Rahman said in parliament.

"Bangladesh TV has never telecast a kissing scene in any film apart from those between mother and children," he said.

"It never screens nude films. It shows only those English movies which contain educational elements and never flout religious, social and moral values," he said.

Rahman was answering charges by opposition members that television was hurting religious feelings by showing too many Western feature films and documentaries.

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It said 78 people were killed

and 204 injured in Jianyang, the worst affected area of stricken northern Fujian province, and total casualties for the whole province were still being counted.

Plot uncovered to disrupt Olympics

TORONTO, May 23, (UPI): US military and CIA officials uncovered a terrorist plot that would create "six weeks of terror" throughout the world and force cancellation of the Summer Olympics in Seoul, the Toronto Sun reported.

The Sun reported sources said terrorists have targeted such airlines as TWA, British Airways, Air France and Air Canada and plan to attack their aircraft and facilities throughout the world.

The proposed campaign focuses on New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, Toronto and Hong Kong, where a series of bombs are to be set off in June to discourage passengers from attending the Games, the paper said.

The terrorists also want Japanese Red Army snipers, hijackers and bombers to infiltrate Seoul via Hong Kong before the Sept 17 opening of the Olympics, the Sun said.

The report quoted an unidentified Central Intelligence Agency source as saying that if the bombings did not discourage travellers from attending the

Games, "there could be more killing that would dwarf the 1972 incident when more than 20 Israelis were killed at the Olympics."

Mastermind

The mastermind of the plot is Kim Jong Il, the son of North Korea's leader, Kim Il Sung, the Sun said. A senior CIA officer said the plan is based on "North Korea's insane jealousy of the world focus on their arch rival and fear of economic destruction at the hands of the South Korean government," the Sun said.

Paul Breuer, the State Department official for counter-terrorism, told the newspaper more than 5,000 terrorists from the Japanese Red Army, Lebanon and others were trained in North Korea, where Sung is regarded as one of the most ruthless sponsors of international terrorism.

Japanese police arrested a convicted terrorist two weeks ago and linked the man's visits to North Korea to a planned series of "frightening incidents" scheduled to erupt in the next two months, the paper said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police kill 8

KUALA LUMPUR, May 23, (AP): Police shot dead eight young men armed with knives who were preparing to attack their headquarters early today, the national news agency reported.

Zulfiqil Abdul Rahman

Zulfiqil Abdul Rahman, acting police commissioner of Sabah state, told Bernama the men were about to attack division police headquarters at Sandakan, 1,657 kilometres east of here.

Kidnapping trial

BEIJING, May 23, (AP): A local official appeared in handcuffs before a Beijing court on charges that he helped kidnap a woman toll booth attendant to force her to lower the fee for his minibus, an official report said today.

Zhou Zhiyuan, director of the transport bureau in Baoding, Hebei province, 150 kilometres south of Beijing, told reporters he did not think the case would turn out to be serious, the English-language China Daily said.

Kwangju clashes

SEOUL, May 23, (AP): Students hurling firebombs and rocks stormed three police stations today in the southern city of Kwangju, and thousands of protesters battled riot police firing tear gas.

Bands of students attacked and damaged the police stations in the provincial city 165 miles (265 kms) south of Seoul in the early morning hours, police said. Protesters smashed windows and doors in the stations before being driven off.

Soviet retreat

KABUL, May 23, (UPI): The last Soviet troops to retreat from Jalalabad said on their arrival in Kabul that the strategic eastern town on the main supply route from Pakistan was as peaceful as "a main street in Moscow."

The Soviet soldiers rode into the outskirts of the hilly Afghan capital Sunday, hot and tired after the 90-mile (145-km) journey aboard about 200 tanks, armoured personnel carriers and trucks dragging artillery.

Power shortages

KHARTOUM, May 23, (AP): Police used tear gas to disperse demonstrators in Khartoum protesting a bread shortage and government-ordered power cuts, witnesses said today.

To deal with unrest elsewhere, the government today sent Cabinet Affairs Minister Salah Abdel-Salam Al-Khalifa to the northern city of Albara, where similar demonstrations occurred last week and a five-day protest began on Sunday.

Guard kills 11

MANILA, May 23, (Reuter): President Corazon Aquino's security guard joined Manila police in a house-to-house search today for a sergeant in the elite unit accused of killing 11 people, including three children, in a drunken shooting spree.

Marine sergeant Marcial Contaoe, who witnesses said was draped with ammunition belts and carrying an M-16 automatic rifle, disappeared after the Saturday night massacre.

MP shot dead

JOHANNESBURG, May 23, (AP): Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok expressed outrage today at the murder of a mixed-race member of parliament and said police would take all possible steps to find the killer. Vlok said police as yet have no idea why Peter Sam Jacobs, 42, was killed.

Reforms approved

MOSCOW, May 23, (Reuter): Kremlin ideology chief Yegor Ligachev announced today that the Communist Party's policy-making central committee had approved a blueprint for reform to be discussed at a key party conference next month.

Ligachev told a parliamentary commission that the "theses" contained important proposals for further economic reform, an extension of openness and the development of Soviet democracy.

Warships

PORT SAID, Egypt, May 23, (Reuter): A US destroyer and four frigates passed through the Suez Canal today, apparently en route to the Gulf region, a canal spokesman said.

The US has a force of about 30 warships in the Gulf area with the prime job of protecting American-flagged ships from attack and assisting neutral ships calling for help.

Officials kidnapped

DHAKA, May 23, (Reuter): Tribal guerrillas kidnapped four officials in southern Bangladesh last week, police said today.

The victims were seized at gunpoint from their homes in the Bandarban district of the heavily-forested Chittagong Hill Tracts by the outlawed Shanti Bahini.

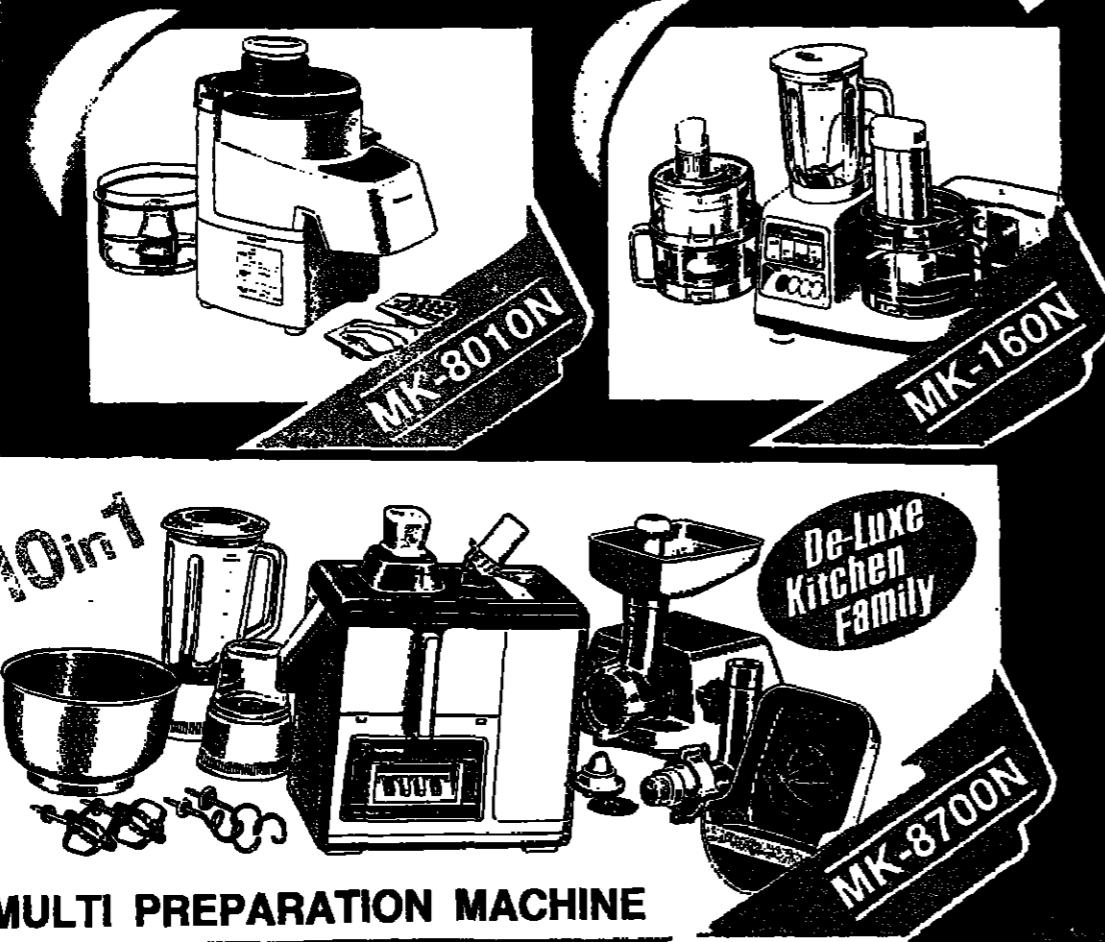
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KUWAIT

Present driving schools' performance unsatisfactory

SAQER Al Jasser, director general of Kuwait Company for Learners Driving School, in an address to the weekly seminar of Kuwait Roads Safety Society said the idea of establishing a training school for drivers was not new, but had been suspended due to paucity of funds.

However, the Kuwait Public Investment Authority had financed the project with an amount of KD5 million.

The head of the drivers testing division at Hawalli Traffic Department Major Hudaib Al Hamdan said current training schools for drivers in Kuwait were not performing their duties in a satisfactory manner. This, he

commented, was adversely reflected in the number of drivers failing to qualify at their driving tests.

Al Jasser commented that the board of directors of Kuwait Company for Learners Driving School was formed under the chairmanship of the director general of the traffic department Brigadier Fuad Masaad Al Saleh and four members representing the traffic department and the private sectors.

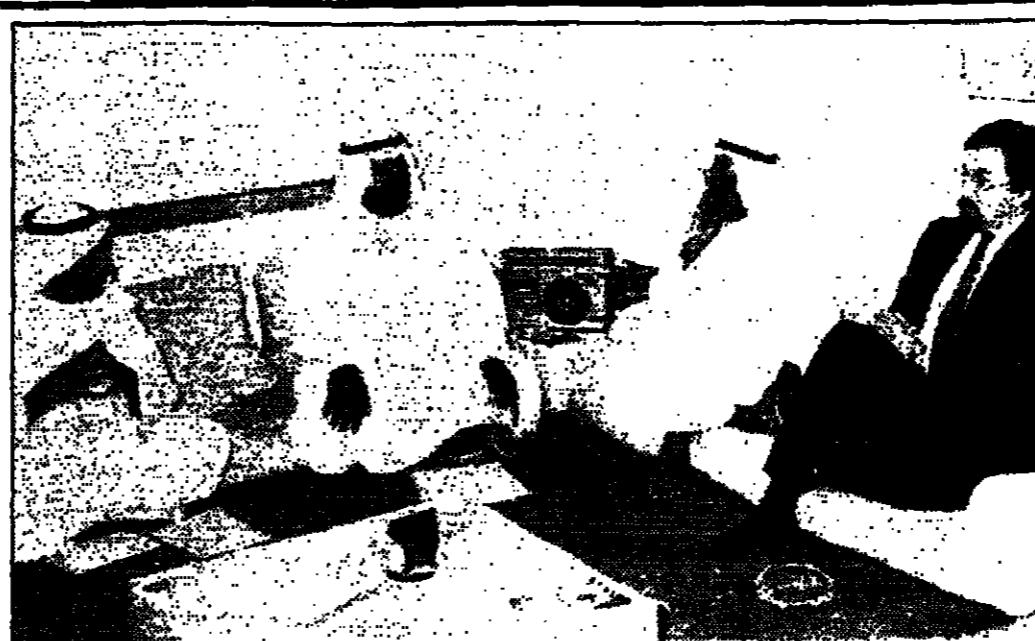
The company to be situated near the general traffic department at Shuwaikh had decided to set up training centres in each governorate on land measuring 25,000 square metres each. He said,

the plan was formulated in 1988 and expected to be implemented in 1989.

Mechanics

To qualify trainees in the mechanical and first aid aspects, disclosed that a monthly training programme of two hours daily has been set up for each trainee. Special days, he said, have been assigned for the training of ladies.

Under an agreement concluded between Kuwait and Jordan, some mechanics had been sent to Jordan for a 20-day training course and similar training courses are expected to follow him.



The seminar in progress



The Norwegian Ambassador to Kuwait Hans Wilhelm Longva (left) welcomes the PLO representative in Kuwait, Awni Battash, at a reception held yesterday at the SAS Hotel on the occasion of the Norwegian Constitution Day.

Mystery mail delivery

A LETTER posted from Bangladesh to Tokyo has miraculously arrived in Kuwait. Addressed to Reaz Mamoon, Tokyo, Japan, it was delivered, duly stamped by both Bangladesh and Kuwait postal authorities, yesterday to the Arab Times office. Kuwait has not been mentioned anywhere, either on the front or the back of the envelope, which seems to contain an Eid card sent by Mamoon's family members. Above: the address on the letter.

Al Hamed to visit Japan

TOKYO, May 23. (Kuna): Amal Meirin Al Hamed, foreign press controller at the Kuwaiti Ministry of Information, will visit major Japanese mass media organs starting tomorrow, it was learnt today.

Al Hamed, who arrived here on a week-long visit as chairman of the Japan Foundation, will return to Japan on Tuesday by taking Japan's largest mass-circulation newspaper, the Yomiuri Shimbun, which prints more than 11-million copies a day and runs television stations and other cultural facilities across the country.

She will also visit other newspapers and television stations, including Japan's major TV network, NHK, during her present tour of Tokyo.

Japan Foundation is a cultural

arm of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, which invites scholars and influential officials who are friendly to Japan, mainly from Western nations and occasionally from some Middle East countries with which Japan has diplomatic relations.

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GCC ministerial council to meet June 4

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad, said yesterday that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ministerial council will meet in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on June 4, one day earlier than its announced date.

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KUWAIT ... GULF

Relations are strong and based on common interest

Saudi Arabia and Egypt form central axis in Arab arena

CAIRO, May 23. (Kuna): Egyptian Prime Minister Dr Atef Sidqi has said Saudi Arabia and Egypt form the central axis in Arab, Middle East and Islamic arenas and their relations are historic and based strongly on common interests.

He made these remarks after a meeting with the visiting Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdulaziz in Cairo last night.

Dr Sidqi said relations between the kingdom and Egypt had not been cut earlier, adding that resumption of diplomatic ties has expressed deep-rooted and continuing bilateral links in various fields at a time when events of the Gulf war are facing the Arab and Middle East regions as well as various Iranian aggressive acts which call for more coordination between them as it is a question of survival.

He added his talks with Prince Nayef covered bilateral relations and cooperation in all fields, particularly in the field of security.

Dr Sidqi said cooperation in the economic field had been

increasing continuously, adding that we will see more joint ventures in the near future.

For his part, Prince Nayef said he had conveyed to Dr Sidqi greetings of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz and Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, the deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Identical

He described relations between Saudi Arabia and Egypt as strong, covering all sectors and serving the interests of the two peoples and the Arab nation in general.

Prince Nayef said his talks with Dr Sidqi showed identical stances on various subjects that came up for discussions.

Meanwhile, Prince Nayef visited Qadri complex for advanced industries.

On arrival at the venue, he was greeted by its chairman Major-General Hussein Abdullah and board members.

During the visit, Prince Nayef was briefed on the complex activities and witnessed a documentary film on its indus-

trial products.

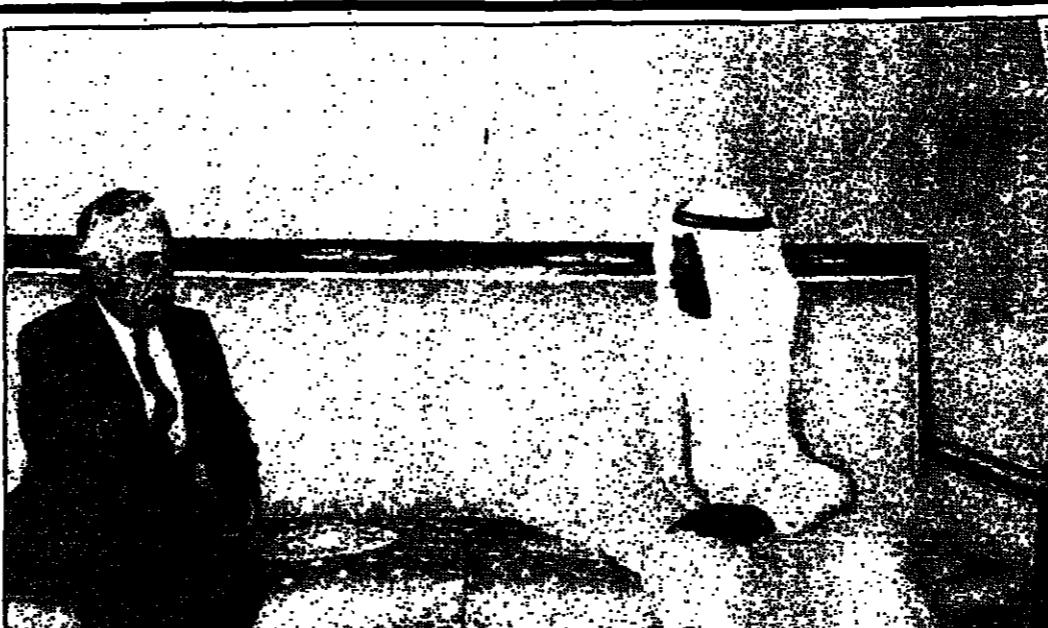
On the other hand, the Egyptian mass media has highlighted the importance of Prince Nayef's visit to Egypt and his statement.

Games hall

Later, Prince Nayef and Egyptian Interior Minister Major-General Zeki Badr laid down the foundation stone of an indoor international games hall at the headquarters of the sports police federation in Cairo, named after Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz.

Speaking on the occasion, Major-General Abdulla Al Wakil, the deputy interior minister and director of the public department of the sports police federation said naming the hall after the Saudi monarch came as a result of the Egyptian youth's appreciation for King Fahd's role in supporting the Arab youth and strong Saudi-Egyptian relations.

For his part, Major-General Zeki Badr said the naming reflected greetings to King Fahd and appreciation for the Saudi leadership and people.



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, with Jordanian Higher Education Minister, Dr Naser El Dine Al Assad.

Call for Arabisation of nursing staff

SOME patients at different hospitals called for Arabisation of nursing staff. However, a cross-section of other patients believed it was immaterial whether a nurse was a native Arab speaker or not.

Eid Al Rashidi, a patient at Al Razi hospital suffering from back pains, said nurses took their duties seriously and did not discriminate between Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis. He added that he was well treated with nurses giving him proper medication at the appointed times. Al Rashidi commented that Arab nurses were much better than non-Arab nurses, as they gave patients better treatment and provided them with more mental rest.

Mitlaq Shbib, a patient at the same hospital said that Arab nurses make patients "feel at home." He felt that foreign nurses were hard to communicate with.

Impart

Khawla Al Sarhan, another patient, said there were delays on service calls. However, medication usually came on time. She was for the Arabisation of the nursing staff.

Ghaziya Kathem suggested that officials increase the number of maids and assistants as elderly patients require maids' assistance more often. She said, foreign nurses impart better treatment to patients.

Hassan Afifa, one of the patients at Ibn Sina hospital said: "There are no differences between Arab and non-Arab nurses, they both treat patients well." She

added that nurses should realise that in their jobs, care of patients is of paramount importance.

From the nurses' view-point, Fatima Seif, a head nurse at Al Razi hospital said that a relation between a nurse and a patient depends on the mental rapport.

She said some patients, particularly youths, refused to be treated by female nurses. She felt there was no difference between Arab and non-Arab nurses — in each case, she said, conscience dictated their performances.

Further, she said, "nurses are human too, and their mental status would reflect on their jobs."

Mina Abas, head nurse at Ibn Sina hospital said that patients bringing children along with them during treatment caused confusion.

Discrimination

Amina Boshiri, head nurse at Al Sadri hospital said that foreign and Arab nurses are equally good and what patients really care about is good service. She pointed out that nurses deal with diversified nationalities and of primary importance was the way patients felt towards their nurses and vice versa. She added, however, that the number of Kuwaiti nurses at hospitals is really quite limited.

In conclusion, "nurses were unanimous in their feelings that their duties required high standards of human values and there was no basis for any discrimination amongst patients."

University to admit 2,857 for fall session

THE Dean's Committee at Kuwait University has agreed to admit 2,857 students for the 1988-1989 fall session; 2,298 of whom must be Kuwaitis and 559 non-Kuwaitis.

According to a Kuwaiti daily, applications will be accepted from Kuwaitis who score above 62.2 per cent in their Secondary School Certificate examination science section and 68.4 per cent in the arts section.

To apply for admission, non-Kuwaitis must score more than 90 per cent in the Secondary School Certificate examination and must have had all their education in Kuwait.

Gulf Cooperation Council students will be required to have

at least a 70 per cent score on the Secondary School Certificate examination and must have had all their secondary school education in Kuwait.

Iraqi and Yemeni students must have over 85 per cent to apply.

Children with Kuwaiti mothers and non-Kuwaiti fathers will be treated as Kuwaitis and children of military personnel must have over 80 per cent and their fathers must have completed at least 20 years in the Army or police force.

Graduates from the faculties of the Public Authority for Training and Applied Education will be accepted at Kuwait University, the daily said.

Symposium on uprising

A SYMPOSIUM will take place here next Saturday on the Palestinian popular uprising in the occupied Arab lands, head of the information committee Abdulla Al Anzay said yesterday.

He added in a statement to Kuna, that the four-day seminar, sponsored by the Kuwaiti Graduates Society, is aimed at lending support to the Arab-Palestinian revolt in the occupied Arab territories and will highlight the sufferings of the Palestinians at the hands of Israeli

troops since 1948.

More than forty Arab personalities will participate in the activities of the symposium which will include a variety of lectures, he pointed out.

The higher committee of the symposium have sent a number of invitations to Arab, and international figures outside Kuwait to participate in the seminar's activities, he noted.

Al Anzay expressed thanks and appreciation to the social and governmental corporations

PLO praises Kuwait's support

THE PLO yesterday praised the Kuwaiti government for its role as a leading supporter of the Palestinian revolution at all levels.

A Palestinian official said here that Kuwait's offer to hold a rally here marking the 40th day of the death of Abu Jihad is greatly appreciated by the Palestinian people and the Palestine Liberation Organisation leadership in particular.

He added, however, the Tunisian government, led by President Zine Al-Abidine Ben Ali has insisted on holding the event on the land where Abu Jihad was assassinated. The ceremony will be held in the Tunisian capital on June 3, the source added, noting that another will be held in Kuwait on June 1.

Live scorpion taken from man's ear

RIYADH, May 23. (Reuters): Saudi doctors have removed a scorpion from the ear of a man who complained of earache, the Saudi Gazette said today.

It said the five-cm (two-inch) scorpion spent 10 hours in Saleh Awwad Al Makhafi's ear without harming him but stung him when it was removed at a local hospital.

The newspaper quoted a doctor as saying the creature probably crawled into Makhafi's ear while he slept. There was no mention of his condition following the operation.

Kuwaiti passports to be changed

ACCORDING to a Kuwaiti daily the Interior Ministry will be changing Kuwaiti passports to design which meet international specifications. The purpose of the change is to make forgeries more difficult.

Children with Kuwaiti mothers and non-Kuwaiti fathers will be treated as Kuwaitis and children of military personnel must have over 80 per cent and their fathers must have completed at least 20 years in the Army or police force.

Citizens will be notified as to when they will be able to change their passports at the governorate of their residence. Present passports will be cancelled as new ones are issued.

Legal protocol

CAIRO, May 23. (Kuna): Kuwait's Justice Minister, Dhari Abdalla Al Othman, and his Egyptian counterpart, Farouq Sief Al Naser, met here today to finalize an accord to streamline cooperation between the two countries in legal and judicial matters.

The official Egyptian Middle East News Agency which reported the meeting, said the two ministers also agreed on a protocol to exchange expertise in training lawmen.

Kuwaiti lawmen could immediately join the Cairo centre for law studies even before the formal signing of any accord, the Kuwaiti minister was told by his host, according to the agency.

Al Othman, who arrived here on Sunday for a five-day visit, later inspected several Cairo courts and was accompanied by the Egyptian minister.

Pessimism over summit

Another UAE newspaper expressed pessimism over the outcome of the forthcoming US-Soviet summit in achieving peace in the Middle East in the light of what it called America's "disregard of Arab rights."

Al Wahda newspaper published from Abu Dhabi called on the Arabs not to wait for the results of the Moscow summit between US President Reagan and the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and to "form a unanimous Arab stand towards peace settlements."

The paper urged the Arabs not to await the results of the Summit which would be "ruled by the greed of world powers."

Referring to the peace initiative of US Secretary of State, George Shultz, the paper called on the Arabs to "reject if demand the Soviet Union to determine the fate of the international peace conference in the Middle East."

"Arabs have legal rights and must be an essential party in accepting or rejecting any settlement and must not obey what the US requires or what the Soviet leadership prefers," the paper concluded.

KAC team to take part in AACU session

A KUWAIT Airways delegation yesterday was due to leave for Damascus to take part in deliberations of the 21st session of Arab Air Carriers Union (AACU), due to begin there today.

Board chairman and managing director of Kuwait Airways Ahmed Al Meshari, who leads the KAC's delegation to the meetings, told Kuna that the agenda of the conference includes a number of issues dealing with cooperation between Arab air-carriers.

He said the conference will examine progress towards the establishment of an Arab company for financing chartering and purchasing aircrafts, he said, noting that the setting up of such joint firm will assist Arab air-carriers companies to modernise their fleets and unify their systems.

Senior staff from various KAC departments will accompany Meshari.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir met yesterday the Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber, after his return to the country.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received a message from his Jordanian counterpart Prince Hassan Bin Talal.

The message was delivered by the Jordanian Higher Education Minister Dr Naser El Dine Al Assad during his meeting with Sheikh Saad.

The meeting was attended by Education Minister, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri and Jordanian ambassador to Kuwait.

The visiting Jordanian minister later conferred with director general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Dr Abdel Rahman Al Mhaisan.

Al Nouri and other education officials attended the meeting.

The officials reviewed the system applied by the authority in teaching, admissions and registrations.

Crown Prince cable

HH Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday sent a cable to Jordan's King Hussein, it was disclosed yesterday.

The office of Sheikh Saad said the cable was a congratulatory message on the occasion of Jordan's National Day.

Sheikh Saad also sent a similar cable to Jordan's Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Assad urged to play the mediator role

A KUWAITI daily yesterday named Syrian President Hafez Assad as the man qualified to stop the "death machine" and persuade Iran that it is not in its interest to continue its nearly eight-year-old war with Iraq.

"Even if we differ with President Assad on his stance toward the Iraq-Iran war, even so we know more about that, we are quite confident that this man senses the danger of the circumstance and the greatness of the conspiracy," said Daily Al Rai Al Aam in a front-page editorial.

The paper called on Damascus to assume its leading role in order to end division among the ranks of Arab countries and help confront the challenges staring the Arab nation in the eye.

It urged President Assad to play the role of the mediator to end the bloodshed in the Arabian Gulf, steered by "evil powers" which aim at "keeping Cairo isolated, Baghdad busy and Damascus deep into the Lebanese grief, not to mention other national anxieties."

GULF PRESS

Summit to be utilised for Mideast peace

A UNITED Arab Emirates English language daily urged the Soviet Union to "utilise" its forthcoming summit with the US to bring about a just peace in the Middle East.

The Dubai-based Khaleej Times was commenting in an editorial on the recent visit of Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmael Abdel Meguid to Moscow.

The paper said the visit, the first by a high ranking Egyptian official in over 10 years "could turn out to be significant for not only bilateral Cairo-Moscow ties but the Middle East as a whole."

"Abdel Meguid's visit has come just before the Moscow summit which the Arabs — hope will consider the Middle East question on a priority basis," the Khaleej Times said.

It noted the Soviet Union "has always supported the Arab point of view with regard to both recognition of the PLO and the convening of an International peace conference."

But the paper pointed to it called "signs of Moscow trying to perform too fine a balancing act" on the Middle East issue.

The paper referred to recent Kremlin statements and Soviet flexibility on Jewish emigration to Israel saying "it is understandable that Mr Gorbachev should not wish to endanger his entente with the Americans."

"But the US is equally anxious for Soviet cooperation in many matters and the Arabs expect Gorbachev to use whatever bargaining power he has to his advantage."

It urged the Soviet leader to dispel the impression that he is prepared to compromise "on some of the principles which the Soviet Union has always championed in the Middle East."

The Khaleej Times hoped the Egyptian Foreign Minister had emphasised to Soviet leaders "the need to utilise the forthcoming (superpowers) summit for the establishment of a just peace in the Middle East."

Egypt has military experts in five Gulf states

EGYPT'S Defence Minister, Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala, says his country has military experts in Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Iraq, according to a Kuwaiti daily.

The newspaper quoted him as saying that Egypt, the Arab world's most powerful country, sought to help Arab states in the Gulf, threatened by the 7 1/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war, "by shoring up their defence capabilities" rather than sending troops.

"It is neither in the interest of

Sheikh Jaber Al Azbi dies

SHEIKH Jaber Al Azbi Al Sabah has died in a London hospital at the age of 54, the Amiri Diwan said last night in an obituary.

Despite the rift, Egypt maintained trade and cultural links with other Gulf states, including Kuwait, the UAE and Qatar.

Military cooperation has apparently improved since diplomatic ties were revived following the decision by an Arab summit in Jordan in November to allow Arab states to restore relations with

EVENTS

Kuwait scenes by Yugoslav artist

A diplomat's seal of affection

By Jadranka Porter

THE Kuwait Towers, that indelible symbol of modern Kuwait, seen from behind the Dasman Palace as Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic saw them, provide an odd background to the palace complex. They appear as some surrealistic structure overhanging a cosy cluster of sand coloured buildings that mismatch the towers both in the architectural style and period.

But that is what Kuwait is for Prodanovic the artist — a mélange of old and new, traditional and modern, local and foreign. Twenty-five of his paintings went on show on Sunday at the Boushari Gallery. The exhibition is a result of months of work, at intervals, snatched from his busy schedule dictated by his job as counsellor at the Yugoslav Embassy in Kuwait.

The towers which figure on four of his oils have more of a functional than aesthetic role to play. They help provide a contrast between the new and old Kuwait that he sought to portray. This impression is accentuated by a relative simplicity of line and colour when depicting the towers and warmth and detail when portraying the old buildings in their vicinity.

Prodanovic was obviously not anxious to make the towers particularly appealing. His affinity for traditional elements in Kuwait's landscape is palpable and natural.

It also brought out the best in him as an artist as could be seen from works depicting the Doha shipyard, old dhows, old mosques and Bebbehania, an old area in Kuwait still retain-



Jovica Prodanovic: farewell gift to Kuwait



Kuwait Towers: surrealistic structure

The best of British

WITH a fanfare of brass from a band of Beefeaters sitting under the span of a model of London's famous Tower Bridge, the British Ambassador Peter Hinchcliffe, cut the ribbon to open the Best of British Fair at the Holiday Inn on Sunday night. After the opening, the Beefeaters gave way to the Caledonians' pipes and drums and the skirling sounds of 'Scotland the Brave' filled the lobby. Then it was the turn of the Scottish country dancers who performed several reels to loud applause.

The British Festival at the Holiday Inn is an annual event that draws many British companies to display their wares. The British Airways stand was the biggest where the sales staff gave out brochures and information about destinations all over the world. Sales Manager Ralph Collins urged people to book early since flights are likely to be full this summer.

Other displays covered a wide variety of British goods, from humble Polo mints to luxury cars like the latest Rolls Royce and the Austin Rover Montego and a range of Sun-silk shampoos. The Lobby cafeteria has gone over to a British menu that includes real fish and chips, served in newspaper, old-fashioned rice pud-



British Ambassador Peter Hinchcliffe cuts the ribbon as Holiday Inn General Manager Jean Abou Nohra and Mrs Hinchcliffe (centre) look on.

ding and cream teas with fresh scones, clotted cream and jam.

The nightclub is putting on a special 'Best of British' show all week that includes a jazz band and two popular local singers, Rosie Taylor and Dermott O'Connell. If you fancy going, it's probably best to book soon since the show is already proving to be very popular.

There are two major competitions as well, to add to the fun. Everyone who goes to the nightclub show will get a free entry ticket for which the prize is a free return ticket to London on British Airways and a free week in the Holiday Inn at Swiss Cottage. For those who attend the festival in the lobby there will be a raffle every night for special souvenir footballs, each one signed by every member of the Chelsea Football Club. Then at the end of the week, these raffle tickets will go into a special draw for another British Airways ticket to London and a free week in the Holiday Inn at Marble Arch.

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Scottish dancers entertaining spectators at the opening of the British Fair.

Bulgarians celebrate Day of Letters

THE Bulgarians in Kuwait celebrate the "Day of Letters and Culture" today. About 100 students, who studied in Bulgarian universities, will attend a reception tomorrow, to be hosted by the Bulgarian Ambassador, Angel N. Mantchev to mark the occasion.

The day is celebrated every May 24, by Bulgarians who maintain a centuries-old tradition to honour two men — Cyril and Methodius, who invented the Slavonic alphabet, paving the way for education, literature and culture in that country.

The Bulgarian embassy in Kuwait will be closed today to celebrate the cultural festival.

MAP volunteers to visit Kuwait

TWO volunteers of Medical Aid for Palestinians, Susan Wighton and Dr Swee Chai Ang, will arrive in Kuwait on May 28 to take part in a charity show for Palestinian children.

MAP is a British charity established after the massacres at Sabra and Shatila under a deed of trust "for the relief of poverty and sickness... advancement of education amongst refugees and other displaced persons".

The charity show is on June 2 at the Regency Palace Hotel. Susan Wighton, a health worker and active member of

MAP, is best known for her efforts to publicise the plight of the Palestinians living in refugee camps in Beirut.

Swee Chai Ang, an experienced orthopaedic surgeon, concentrates her efforts in negotiating with various Lebanese and Palestinian factions on medical work so that other MAP volunteers can work in camps.

The MAP members are expected to meet high ranking officials in Kuwait. Proceeds from the charity show will be donated to MAP.

All entries for the What's On column must be handed over personally to Events Section, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwailah. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

Seaz sur Awaz

The Seaz sur Awaz group presents their second concert on June 16 at the Indian Arts Circle, Pimseeta. Shahnawaz Karim, Sabina, Badar Sidiqui, Doreen D'Souza, Kusum Sagar, Riyasat Ali and Divya are among the performers. The music will be by the Anwar Hussein orchestra.

Dutch reception

The Netherlands ambassador and Mrs J.F.R.M. Veling invite all Dutch nationals in Kuwait to a reception on the occasion of the Queen's birthday at the residence on Tuesday, May 24, from 6.30 to 8.30 pm.

Jumble sale

St Paul's jumble sale will be held in the Anglo-American School Hall, Ahmad, from 2.30 pm on Friday, May 27. Clothes, shoes, toys, books, electrical and household items will be offered at bargain prices. All are welcome.

Flaissik cooking class

The monthly Flaissik cooking class will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 7.30 pm for 8 pm. Entertainer from Scotland will be Bill Barclay. For reservations phone 5610673 or 5335082.

All proceeds will be don-

Kuwait Players

The Players Social Get-together, on June 1, Wednesday. Newcomers welcome. Tel: (pm) 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

Yugoslavian Festival

Dusica Obradovic, a well-known Yugoslavian singer and the Vučić Mitrović folklore group will perform at the Kuwait Hilton Grand Ballroom on May 28, 29 and 30 at 8 pm. Tickets for the show are available in the hotel lobby.

HOTELS

At the Meridien

The Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine and a selection of meats and seafood. Charcoal grilled specialities also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads

Rugby Club There will be an end of season work party at the Fintas Park Ground on Thursday, May 26, 4 pm. All members are urged to attend.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Boushari Gallery Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic is open at the Boushari Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St., Salma, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm.

THEATRE

Bengali Cultural Society The society will present "Bichhan", a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 2, 3, 9 and 10; 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901806; 5621379.

Kuwait Singers "Songs for a Summer Evening" is the title of a concert by the Singers. It will be held on May 31 and June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets — KD2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5384873; 5740627 (answering service).

Sounds Great

Sounds Great, a pop-rock musical, will be presented at Salmiya Cinema on June 10, 5-8 pm. The show will feature Juke Box band with June Stevenson and Top Ranks with Adolf. Farewell appearance of Paul Fraser. Introducing Walid Al Nimer who will dance to Michael Jackson's top hit "Bad." Produced and directed by Ken Winston. Tickets — KD 5. For reservations ring 57402567; 5756888 ext. 263; 5758870.

KLT

KLT, Ahmad, will present Brigadoon, a musical, on June 1, 7.30 pm, gala night. Further performances are at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8, and 9 and at 5.30 pm on June 2, 3. Tickets KD3. Children — KD2. For reservations ring 3983772.

I Got Rhythm

A musical show featuring Reem Yousef Kelani will be presented in the Grand Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel, on June 2, Thursday. Tickets — KD10 including dinner. Produced and directed by Glenis Muckle and Kerry Langley. All proceeds will be don-

ated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians. Susan Wighton and Dr Swee Chai Ang, will arrive in Kuwait on May 28 to take part in a charity show for Palestinian children.

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Kuwait Welsh Society

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29, 7.30 pm, at Messilah Beach Hotel.

Kuwait Caledonians

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.25 World News via Satellite
- 3.25 Tao Tao: cartoon serial
- 4.25 Beel Al Tayi: Arabic serial, starring Hussein Abu Sharab, Lina Al Tall, Rabee Shihab.
- 5.30 Al Manahal: educational programme for children.
- 6.00 In Public Service: You and Your Health
- 7.05 Afaq Al Fann: Art Horizon, hosted by Abdul Rasool Salman.
- 7.35 The Animal World
- 8.15 Souk Al Ghuz: daily serial, featuring Mohammad Saeed Shirin, Zuhair Numani.
- 8.30 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.20 Hada Al Rajhi (That is the Man): daily serial, starring Noora, Salah Saadani, Khalid Zaki.
- 10.50 Studio Angham: Music Studio.
- 12.35 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown



Margaret Collin stars in Leg Work.

- 10.00 Joy in New York. Twilight Zone: "The Once and Future". A journalist follows in the footsteps of a former colleague and faces strange events.
- 10.30 Feature Film: "White Man's Legend". A fishing trip turns into a life and death drama.
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.40 Magazine D'Actualite Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Pole Positions: cartoons
- 6.30 Punkey Brewster: Punkey is disappoint-

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FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Poys
- 2130 News
- 2145 News
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0300 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News About Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsdesk
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Thought for today

ONE doesn't recognise in one's life the really important moments — until it's too late — Agatha Christie, English writer (1891-1975).

France tiptoes in New Caledonia

By Vanora Bennett

PARIS. (Reuter): France's new Socialists government has begun a softly-sofily approach to ending discontent in New Caledonia by sending a trouble-shooting mission to its Pacific territory.

The mission arrived on Friday and will spend several weeks on the archipelago where unrest between bitterly-opposed racial groups exploded last month just before French presidential elections.

Violence in New Caledonia has killed 26 people in the past month, including 19 shot dead when French troops stormed a remote cave where gendarmes were being held hostage.

Appointing the six-man mission to "re-establish dialogue" between pro-French white settlers and Melanesian separatists (Kanaks) was one of Socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard's first moves after taking office last week.

Hostile

It marks an abrupt change in approach from the confrontational attitude of the former rightist government, which backed settlers' demands to stay French by increasing French military and police presence on the archipelago.

The Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS), which heads separatist activity, said it was not hostile to the mission but had expected more from the new government.

"The mission will have time to see how the different sides actually behave," an FLNKS official said. "But that is not what we asked for. We asked for a government envoy."

Rocard has set up an inquiry into military and police action ordered by the previous government during the recent violence.

He has also flown Kanaks charged with violent crimes for trial in France to remove them from the overheated atmosphere 20,000 kms (12,000 miles) from Paris.

Re-elected President Francois Mitterrand has in the past said he favours bringing more independence to the territory.

Tension

But for the moment, caution is the watchword in government circles. New Overseas Territories Minister Olivier Stern refused to outline his plans until the mission's work is done.

"Let them start work, and don't ask me what we will decide until they have got going," he said in a radio interview.

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Women and children assist in uprising

By G.G. Labelle

GAZA CITY. Occupied Gaza Strip, (AP): Niveen Dahman, age 14, keeps house for her family now that her mother is in jail. She cooks, cleans and, when clashes with Israeli soldiers erupt, runs to the streets to help youngsters choking on tear gas.

"I am doing the same as my mother. It's my duty," said Niveen, sitting in her family's cement block house in Shati refugee camp.

In the next room was a box full of scampers chickens that the family is raising to eat as the Arab uprising persists, bringing with it worsening economic conditions.

A new role for youngsters and women, both held under strict rule in traditional Muslim society, is only one of the changes spawned by the "intifadah," a rebellion against Israel's 21-year occupation of the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

Help

Palestinians say the 5-month-old uprising has given them pride and destroyed the feeling that nothing can be done to end Israeli rule. Some believe young organizers scattered in camps and villages will emerge as permanent, more radical leaders.

"Now we are the leaders," said 19-year-old Rafat, sitting on the floor of another cement block house down the street from Niveen Dahman's home.

"Youth are leading, burning tires, stoning soldiers," said Rafat, who would not give his last name. "Women try to help the boys who are arrested or try

May 8, backed by a leftist government after two years of rule by the right.

Before the election, New Caledonia was run by hardline rightwing Overseas Territories Minister Bernard Pons. He said repeatedly he would stick by a 1987 independence referendum, which gave a strong stay-French result.

Kanak separatists boycotted the referendum and the presidential election, saying rule by France favoured the settlers. Kanaks make up 43 per cent of the 135,000 population.

Separate dissatisfaction with the right-wing stance boiled over on April 22, two days before the election began.

Four paramilitary gendarmes were killed when separatists wielding machetes stormed the barracks at Fayaoue on the island of Ouvéa.

The separatists fled, taking 23 gendarmes hostage, and hid out in a cave on the island of Ouvéa till May 5, when police stormed their stronghold on the island and freed the prisoners. Nineteen Kanaks died in the raid.

The Socialist government said this week it was setting up a separate inquiry to look into Kanak claims that French soldiers killed several kidnappers after they had surrendered.

Sue

Pons, who ordered the attack, said on Friday he would sue Paris Match magazine for publishing allegations that he had considered firing a laser-guided napalm bomb at the cave to clear thick surrounding vegetation.

The magazine said Army officers had persuaded Pons against carrying out an all-out attack on the cave, using helicopters equipped with machine guns.

Pons said Paris Match's allegations dishonoured both him and the Army.

One member of the mission, Protestant churchman Jacques Stewart, said the problem stemmed from a misunderstanding.

Settlers have said they are afraid they will have to leave their homes if the territory becomes independent and falls into Kanak hands. But Stewart said independence did not mean the same thing to the settlers and the Kanaks.

"Kanaks who seek independence mean they want a say in deciding their own fate," he told French radio.

"We will be able to consider a new status for New Caledonia heading towards a form of independence but which would not mean that anyone was forced to leave," he added.

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By Tony Barber

WASHINGTON. (Reuter): Despite the improved climate of superpower relations, both the United States and the Soviet Union seem to accept that this month's Moscow summit will not lead to substantial breakthroughs.

Policymakers also seem concerned that US-Soviet ties may enter an unpredictable era after the summit as Americans elect a new president in November and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's domestic reforms move into a critical stage.

Delicate

The limits on rapid progress in relations are reflected in the acknowledgement on both sides that, contrary to earlier hopes, the May 29-June 2 summit will not produce an accord to halve their arsenals of intercontinental nuclear weapons.

Perhaps more significantly, a dispute over a treaty to ban medium-range missiles — signed and thought to have been wrapped up at last December's Washington summit — pointed

up the tensions still underlying US-Soviet relations.

This dispute, over procedures for verifying the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) pact, now seems cleared up, and US officials hope the Senate will ratify it in time for the Moscow meeting.

But it is a measure of how delicate US-Soviet relations are that the success of this summit may be judged by whether the two countries can solve problems with a treaty they signed last year.

"That seems to be the nature of US-Soviet relations at this stage," Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said a few days ago.

"We will for a long time continue to pay the ransom of mutual distrust. This is a fact."

Secretary of State George Shultz likes to remind sceptics that the climate of US-Soviet ties is much better than in the early 1980s, when most arms control talks were suspended and harsh public invective dominated superpower exchanges.

Shultz points to the INF Treaty, an agreement under which Soviet forces began leaving

Despite better superpower ties

No breakthrough seen at Moscow summit

1989, US-Soviet ties seem likely to be on hold, if only because the elections and the formation of a new administration will dominate US politics.

An additional factor is Gorbachev's preoccupation with domestic reform, particularly his efforts to neutralise opponents in the Communist Party and government bureaucracy and to set the Soviet economy on a course of radical change.

Additional analysts in and out of government say a Soviet party conference in late June may give a clearer indication of Gorbachev's strength.

Uncertain

US arms negotiator Paul Nitze pointed to the uncertain future of strategic arms talks when he said this month that, if an accord is not reached by September, there is no prospect of one soon after because of the impending US elections.

Whether the new president is Republican Vice-President George Bush or Democratic Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, the prospective nominees, it seems sure he will want to review thoroughly the details of superpower arms control talks before proceeding.

Between the Moscow summit and the assumption of office by the next president on Jan. 20,

problems that could suddenly spring up to bedevil US-Soviet relations because they are so difficult to predict.

Neil MacFarlane, a specialist in Soviet foreign policy at the University of Virginia, says that even if the United States and the Soviet Union wanted joint approaches to Third World conflicts, there is no guarantee they would succeed.

Halig is not alone among US experts in urging that the United States not lose sight of superpower differences on issues such as human rights and conflicts in the Middle East, Central America, southern Africa and Southeast Asia.

Georgy Arbatov, a Kremlin adviser and expert on US affairs, says that the United States needs a dose of "perestroika" in the Russian word for Gorbachev's reforms.

Problems

But some think a stronger Gorbachev may not necessarily be good for the United States.

"To the degree that he is even modestly successful, the United States will face in the 1990s and beyond a militarily powerful and politically more adroit Soviet Union," Robert Gates, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), said in a recent speech.

Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig sees a deeper problem. "The Soviet preference

for arms control has dominated superpower relations, while one by one, the broader political issues essential for the longer term are being negotiated only at times and places of Moscow's choosing," he said this month.

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Despite these forebodings and the seemingly poor prospects for specific diplomatic breakthroughs in Moscow, few in the United States suggest it is a mistake to meet for the fourth time since November 1985.

That represents a change from the days before their first summit, when some experts expressed concern that public support for superpower dialogue could diminish if the two leaders failed to reach major agreements.

For the last nine years, US policy in the region has been to lead the open sea. Up to a hundred have died recently; hundreds more may have been pushed away to an uncertain fate.

Once again, the United States and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees have protested Thailand's policy of turning away refugees. But the Thai government faults the West for not resettling more of the 100,000 Indochinese already in Thai refugee camps.

The immediate priority is to make sure that more boat people do not perish. A screening process, on the beaches if necessary, would allow those who qualify as refugees and therefore for resettlement to land. But those found ineligible, and to prevent further boatloads from

risking their lives, the US must rethink its policy toward refugees and Southeast Asia.

Yet nearly 700,000 have applied to leave Vietnam under the Orderly Departure Programme. At the present rate, the processing would take 40 years. Many boat people leaving Vietnam have applied to the programme but do not want to wait.

Quotas

The problem is not quotas. As many as 28,500 people under present guidelines are eligible to come to the US this year. This number does not include immediate relatives of US citizens or Amerasians for whom there are no quotas. The problem is continued Vietnamese-US squabbling over which cases should receive priority.

"In addition to processing Orderly Departure cases more swiftly, the US should try to prevent further boatloads from interests was bound to collapse. The moral obligation felt by the US to accept those who had fought beside it in Southeast Asia and who were fleeing 'reeducation camps' and other forms of persecution has ebbed dramatically. Since the fall of Saigon 13 years ago, Western governments have already settled more than 1.6 million Indo-chinese — 800,000 in the US alone.

Thailand and other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), as well as Hong Kong, realise that the West will not keep resettling large numbers; they worry that they will be stuck with hundreds of thousands of refugees and are crying, "Enough!"

The US can continue asking its Asean allies to let people in indefinitely, co-signing them to crowded camps with little hope of leaving. Or the issue can be addressed at its Vietnamese cost.

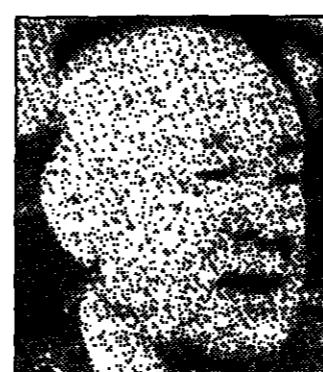
The US should expand the Orderly Departure Programme, which interviews those seeking to come to the US and other nations, adjudicating their applications in Vietnam. In addition to those fleeing political persecution, the programme allows for cases involving family reunification, Amerasian children, and former close associates of US organisations. The programme would spare Viet-

namese refugees.

This may be a good moment for improved relations. Economic reformists in Vietnam have taken over key positions. Recent successful talks held with Vietnamese officials by US Gen. John Vessey add further momentum to improving contacts between the two governments. And the recent release of 160 former South Vietnamese leaders from prison attests to the increased desire of the Vietnamese government to change old policies.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Hungarian leadership change seen boosting reform in East Europe



This challenge to traditional communist ideas has not gone down well in East Germany, which runs the best-functioning economy in the Soviet bloc and argues there is no need to change the system.

Reformers

Western diplomats in East Berlin said that while there might be would-be reformers waiting in the wings, there were no obvious ones in the leadership.

Noting that Honecker is 75, the same age as Czechoslovak leader Gustav Husak, who stepped down last year, diplomats and East Europeans said there were no indications that East German leader would leave the scene.

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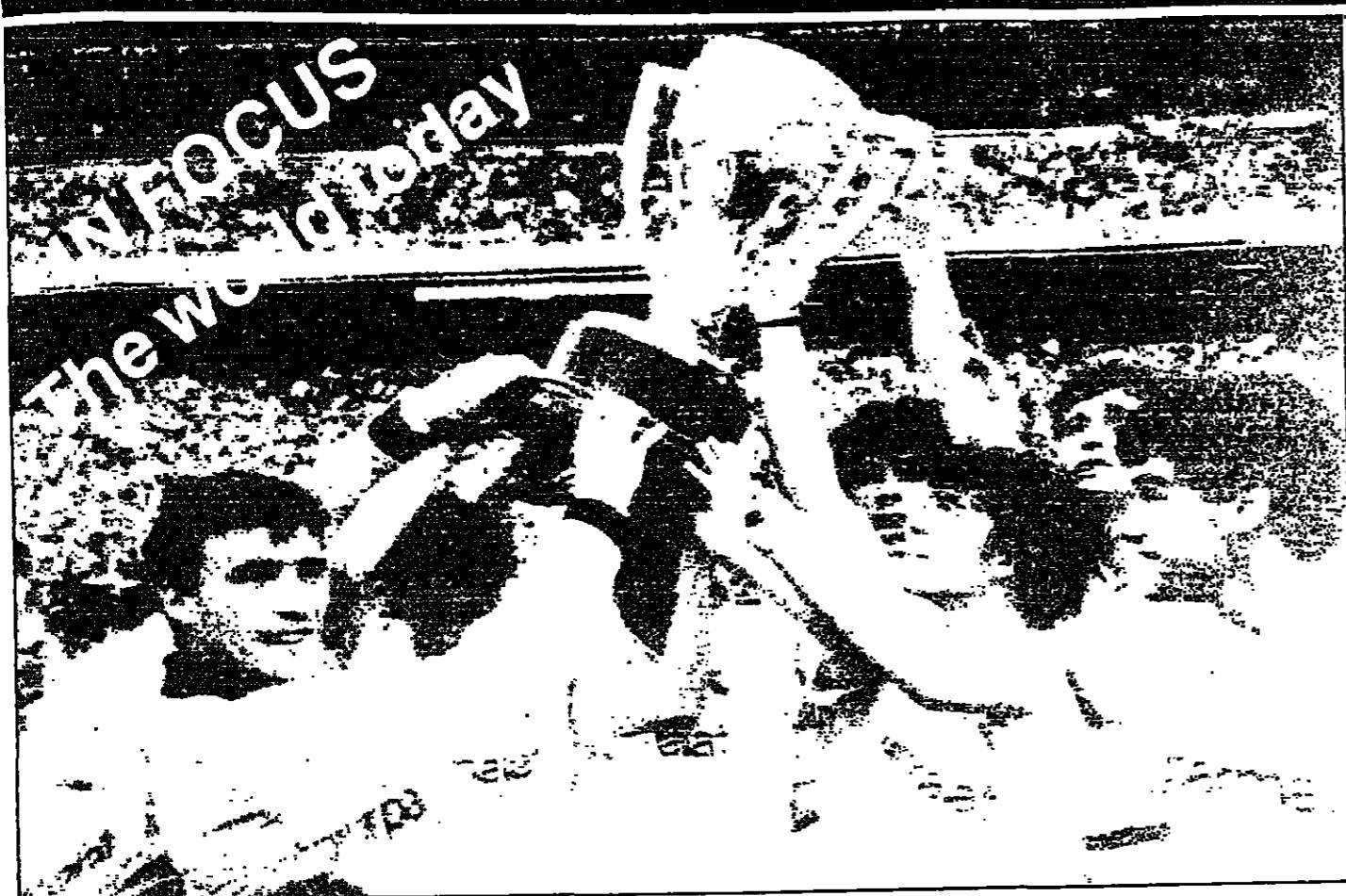
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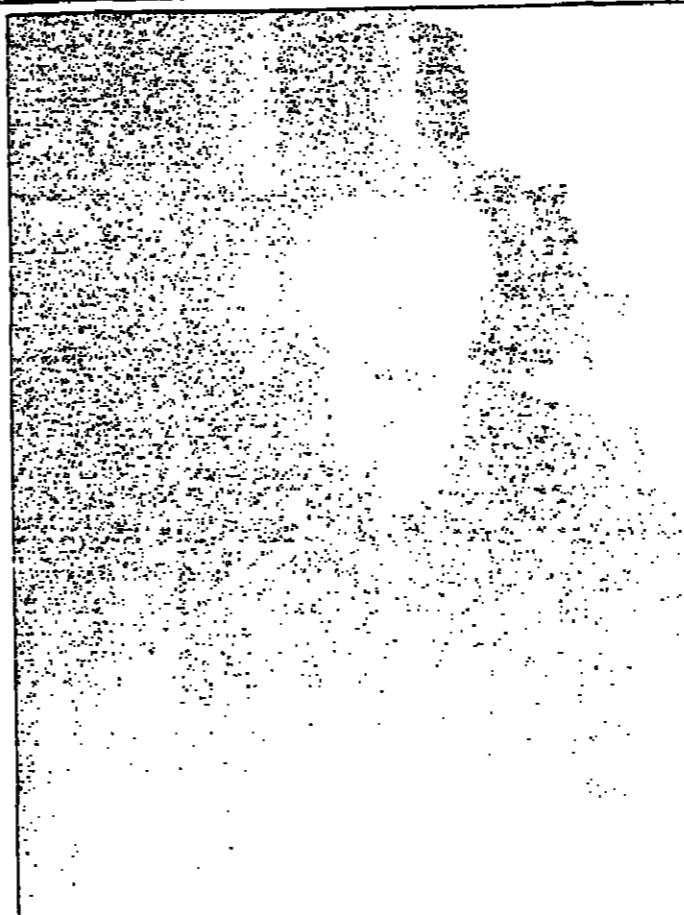
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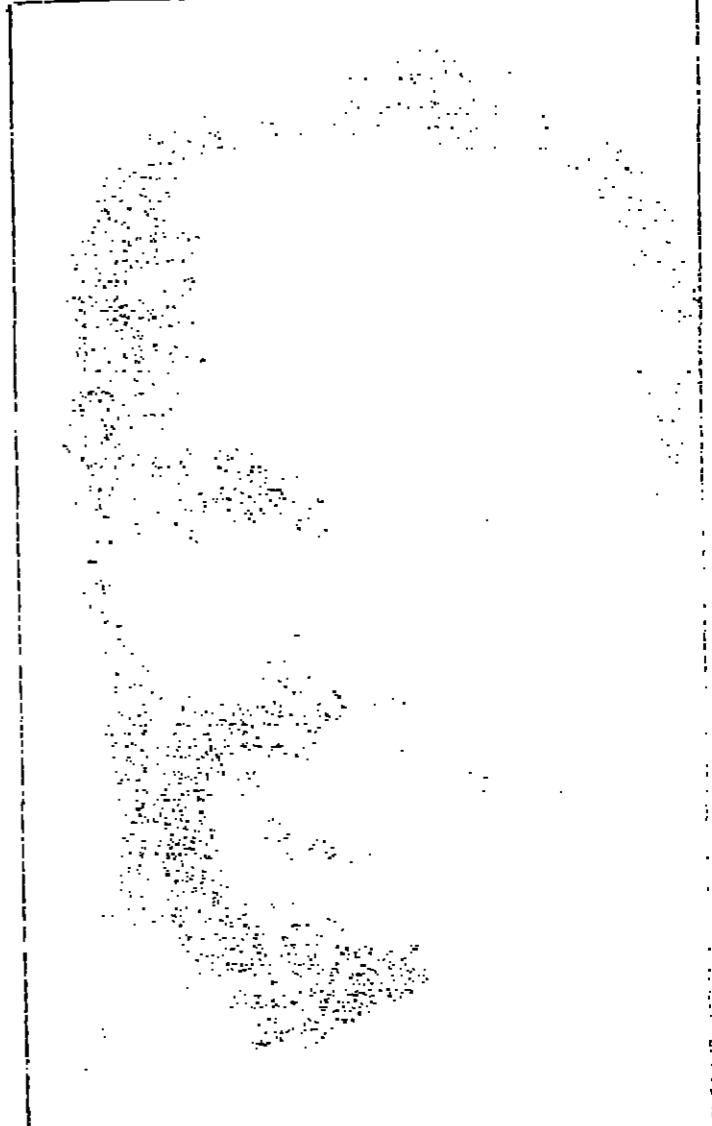
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REAL MADRID'S players hold the Spanish First Division Soccer League Cup aloft after the presentation Sunday night following the last match of the season against Real Valladolid. Madrid ended their championship season eleven points ahead of second place Real Sociedad of San Sebastian. Below, Real Madrid's team captain Carlos A. Santillana is about to head the ball home for the last time in his career with R. Madrid, he scored the second goal for his team in his farewell performance on Sunday afternoon. He retires after 17 consecutive seasons, having played over 700 First Division soccer matches and scoring close to 400 goals. (Reuter wirephoto)



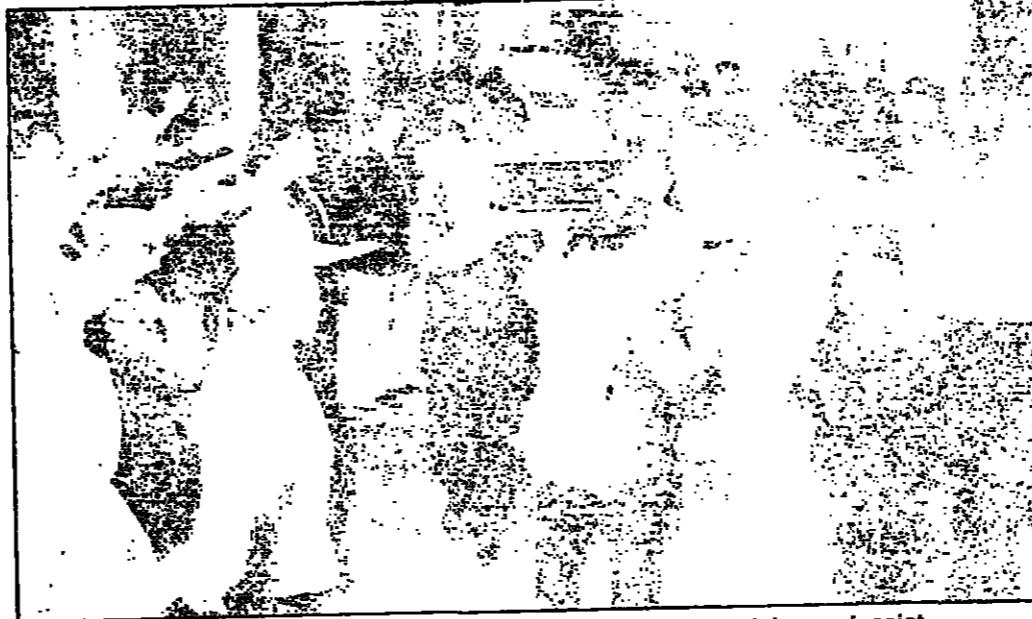
DINO GRANDI, (in a 1935 file picture) last surviving leader of fascist Italy and the man who provoked the overthrow of dictator Benito Mussolini, has died at his home in Bologna, north of Rome, on Saturday, his family announced. Grandi held many senior positions under Mussolini, including foreign minister and ambassador to Britain. He was 82. (Reuter wirephoto)



PIETER JACOBS, a coloured (mixed race) member of South Africa's Parliament, was shot dead by a balaclava-clad gunman as he was leaving a Johannesburg church Sunday night. Jacobs was among 10 people who died in a wave of political violence that swept South Africa over the weekend. (Reuter wirephoto)



PUPILS at Khalduniya Preparatory School in Nablus are among 200,000 Palestinian children up to the age of 11 whose schools reopened yesterday in the West Bank, four months after being closed because of anti-Israeli unrest. Graffiti on the wall was the work of Israeli soldiers, who used the school temporarily as a command post. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE coffin containing the body of Giorgio Almirante, leader of Italy's neo-fascist Movimento Sociale Italiano party, is carried to a funeral ceremony on Sunday in Rome, as party members give the fascist salute. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH tennis star Yannick Noah follows through on a serve during his 7-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over West German Ricky Osterthun in the men's singles opening round match of the French Open at Roland Garros in Paris yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SPECIAL task forces officer, armed with a submachine gun, patrols on the roof of the Athens International Airport yesterday as Turkish Foreign Minister, Mesut Yilmaz, arrives in Athens on a three-day official visit. (Reuter wirephoto)



A CURIOUS tourist studies the inscription on a unique statue near the central station in Brussels yesterday. Sunshine and warm temperatures attracted many tourists to the Belgian capital for the Whit Sunday long weekend. (Reuter wirephoto)



LIBYAN leader Moammar Khaddafi (left) embraces Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali on Sunday after Khaddafi arrived in Tunisia for talks. This was their third meeting since diplomatic relations were restored. (Reuter wirephoto)



MUBARAK AWAD, an American-Palestinian activist, enters Jerusalem's Supreme Court yesterday morning in handcuffs accompanied by a police officer. Awad faces deportation after being accused by Israeli leaders of inciting a five-month old Palestinian uprising against the occupation. (Reuter wirephoto)

Every child has the potential to be a genius

Engineering superbabies in a hot house

By Jane Fletcher

A PRETTY little girl sits beside her mother, reading out loud. With supreme confidence, she recites a speech from one of Shakespeare's plays, her soft voice never faltering over the long and unfamiliar words.

Her mother watches proudly, aware that she is witnessing something of a miracle. For her daughter, Felicia, is only four years old and has already developed the intellect of a person way beyond her years.

The child is being heralded as a genius, capable of astonishing feats. And soon there could be a whole generation of children just like her...

Felicia is just one of the many youngsters discussed in a new book about intensive teaching

At a unique institute in Philadelphia a controversial technique is being used to develop the intelligence of children to an incredible level. Pupils of the Hot House system, aged four to 12, can programme a computer, speak fluent Japanese and play a musical instrument.

or 'hot housing.'

The idea is simple: take a new-born baby, stimulate it from birth, educate it in a controlled and intensive manner — 'the hot house' — and as that child grows up, it will be of higher intelligence than one left to develop naturally.

The controversial technique has been pioneered in the United States by hot house

guru Glenn Doman.

Doman, a white-bearded, grandfatherly character, insists every child, from the moment of birth, has the potential to be a genius — regardless of their genetic makeup. The secret is to nurture young talent and help it grow.

With almost evangelical zeal,

he says: 'Tiny children can learn absolutely anything that

you can present to them in an honest and factual way. Then you do it with great love and affection and you can teach them all there is to learn.'

Hundreds of ambitious parents in the US agree. They are flocking to Doman's Institute For The Achievement of Human Potential — or 'Better Baby Institute' as it is known — in Philadelphia, anxious to enrol their children in the intensive education programme.

Programme

Much of the programme is based on Doman's findings when he was working with brain-damaged children.

He was trying to develop new pathways in the brain for injured children and soon became aware of the brain's ability to be 'reprogrammed' or to relearn lost skills.

Mostly aged between four and 12, the children can programme a computer, speak fluent Japanese and play a musical instrument.

They are articulate, confident and mature young people.

Doman says the brain's capacity to take in information can be expanded if a child is coached from an early age. The sooner teaching begins, the better. Perhaps even before the child is born.

Mothers-to-be have been known to try to stimulate a fetus's senses by talking to their unborn child in the womb, through a paper megaphone.

Then, from the moment of birth, this stimulation is intensified in several ways.

Lights are shone on and off into the baby's eyes and it is familiarized with shapes by putting cards between the lights and the eyes.

Eventually, he applied that principle to the teaching of healthy children, with amazing results: with intensive coaching, tiny children could read, speak foreign languages and calculate mathematical formulae without difficulty. He saw the implications of his work, the chance to breed 'superbabies.'

Doman admits: 'We are creating an elite group of children. And do you know how many children we want in that group? About a billion, because that is how many children there are in the world.'

For the moment, however, he is content to work with those children brought to the campus by eager parents. And already, they are showing signs of genius potential.

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Matures

Simple maths tuition follows, by marking these cards with an increasing number of dots, so the infant learns to add up instinctively.'

Babies of just six-months-old have been known to do perform addition, simply by crawling towards the card showing the correct answer.

Gradually, as the child matures, more assignments are introduced into the daily



A mother-to-be talks to her unborn baby through a megaphone. This is to try and stimulate the fetus' senses.

programme, particularly the use of 'flash cards.'

A word written on a card is held up in front of the child and then spelled out, to encourage the baby to formulate speech.

Physical stimulation is a vital part of the teaching too, as it is said to enhance the brain's performance and improve co-ordination.

Doman's students can perform junior Olympic gymnastics and even four-year-olds can run a couple of miles each day without stopping.

They also take part in a physical exercise called 'braceletation.' This involves swinging hand-over-hand on a climbing frame and, in between teaching sessions, children repeat this exercise several times.

To the uninitiated, it looks a strange practise, as little children hoist themselves onto the wooden frame and swing across like baby apes.

Nevertheless, Doman insists it enhances neurological development, and the children seem delighted to do it.

Hot housing may be a simple idea in principle, but it's very hard work in practice, especially for parents. They are advised to involve themselves completely in their child's development, all day, every day. Many put themselves through

special courses to help them become better and more informed parents.

Mothers, in particular, are encouraged to devote themselves to the task.

Doman says: 'Mothers have always been the best teachers since time began,' and he would like them to regard motherhood as a full-time job.

Women are taught never to talk down to a child — no gooey baby talk is allowed. Clear, concise explanations of how things work is sufficient. Many mothers take Doman's teachings to heart and dedicate themselves to educating their child, even if it means sacrificing their careers.

They reason, with total conviction, that they want to give their child the best start in life possible.

Naturally, Doman's theories have met with fierce opposition. Critics say he has little statistical evidence or data to back up the claims.

Nor is there a follow-up to check whether these superbabies become superadults. Do they, cynics wonder, learn too much, too soon and burn out in later life?

Hot housing also raises ethical questions. Should we interfere with natural development in this way? Should we try to

maximise the potential of children? And is the close, almost claustrophobic, relationship Doman advocates between parents and children such a good thing?

Doman is used to detractors, but is nevertheless surprised by criticism.

He says: 'It is the most astonishing thing I have ever heard that anybody should think it is bad to learn.'

To him, the proof of his work is in the children themselves. They are not only extremely intelligent, but also seemingly happy, well-balanced individuals.

More importantly, he asserts that bright children like little Felicia, are better children, more sensitive and caring.

And he denies there is some sinister ulterior motive for creating a race of super children.

'We are not devoted to making Nobel prize winners or Olympic stars,' he says. 'We are devoted to giving children options, choices.'

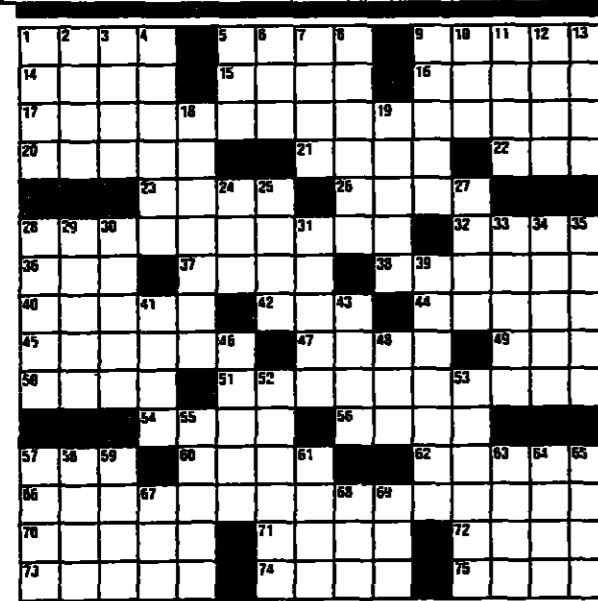
As we approach the year 2,000, it remains to be seen just what type of children will be leading us into the future...

Hot House People By Jane Walmesley and Jonathan Margolis
Published by Pan at £3.95



Four-year-old Felicia reads William Shakespeare with supreme confidence.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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Oman reverses oil output cut

MUSCAT, May 23, (AP): Oman has reversed a decision to cut its oil production by 5 per cent to help Opec stabilise oil prices and gone back to its 1987 output peak of 600,000 barrels a day, oil industry sources said yesterday.

Oman is not a member of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. But it has been reducing production to help the organisation hold its benchmark price at \$18 a barrel.

The new level, which came into effect on May 1, will be maintained until Opec talks resume in Vienna in June, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Opec has pared output three times since September 1986 to support Opec pricing strategies. The latest cut in February reduced production by 5 per cent to 536,750 barrels a day.

The sultante originally formulated its current development programme on the basis of 600,000 barrels daily.

Response

Opec had been unable to agree on a response to a proposal by Oman and five other non-Opec producers for an all-round 5 per cent production cut at a Vienna meeting last month in a bid to firm up the flagging oil market.

Opec will discuss the issue again next month.

Iran, one of the Opec states which backed the call for a fresh production cut, is sending its oil minister to Oman.

Cost of living falls in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, May 23, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's cost of living index fell in 1987, for the fourth consecutive year, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (Sama) said.

Figures compiled by Sama showed the index for middle income Saudi families earning between 3,000 and 11,000 riyals a month (\$800 to \$2,900) dropped 0.9 percent to 91.9 during 1987.

At the same time the index for Saudi and expatriate middle income families combined dropped 1.6 percent to 90.9.

The decline was brought on by falls in the costs of food, clothing and housing, with accommodation costs dropping 13.4 percent during the year.

In 1986, the index was 92.7 for Saudi and 92.4 for Saudi and expatriate families. In 1983, the base year, the index for both was 100.

Record high sugar production predicted

WASHINGTON, May 23, (AP): World sugar production in 1988-89 is expected to be a record of about 103.9 million metric tons, slightly more than the 103.9 million tons produced in 1987-88, the agriculture department said yesterday.

The latest figures included revisions from the department's first forecast issued on May 4, which indicated production at 104.1 million metric tons in 1988-89 and last year's output at 103.6 million tons.

Production in Brazil — the largest producer — was reduced to a 1988-89 forecast of 8.1 million tons from 8.4 million tons indicated earlier this month, the report said. Revisions also were reported for several other countries.

Oil market shows relative stability

Lagoven highlights its operations

CARACAS, May 23, (Opecua): Lagoven, a subsidiary of the Petroleos De Venezuela (PDVSA) — the Venezuelan state oil company — says it fully achieved the goals it set itself last year.

Despite difficult times, the company has managed to assimilate a growth and evolution process which has resulted in greater operational efficiency, according to its president Renato Urdaneta.

In 1987, he said, the world oil market showed relative stability, compared with 1986 which was marked by price fluctuations.

Commitment

Reiterating his country's commitment to its Opec assigned quota of 1.57 million b/d, Renato said: "We oriented our efforts to obtaining the greatest possible benefit from the export volumes allotted to us."

He explained that this had been achieved through the timely replacement of its assigned

Abu Dhabi cuts oil output, says study

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 23, (AP): Abu Dhabi has cut back oil production by an estimated 150,000 to 170,000 barrels a day, a weekly oil review reported today.

The report by the respected Middle East Economic Survey came as Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh arrived in Abu Dhabi from Oman on a special mission seeking cuts by Gulf oil producers.

The oil review said that after reaching an output of over one million barrels per day in the first half of May, Abu Dhabi was implementing a production cut back as of May 15.

Though the precise extent of the cut was not yet fully clear, initial indications were that

production would be reduced by some 150,000-170,000 barrels per day below the level prevailing in the first half of the month, the oil review said.

Down

This would bring Abu Dhabi output down from around 1.03 million barrels per day to somewhere in the 850,000-900,000 barrels per day range, it added.

The review said that assuming that Dubai will continue production at its present level of 740,000 barrels per day, total output by the UAE will then be running at around 1.25-1.30 million barrels per day. This is still a long way over the official Opec quota of 948,000 barrels per day.

After visiting Oman and Abu Dhabi Aqazadeh will also visit

Indonesia for consultations ahead of the June 8 ministerial council meeting of the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The meeting will discuss a proposal by non-Opec producers for an all-round 5 per cent production cut at a Vienna meeting last month in a bid to firm up the flagging oil market.

Cooperation

Iran, an Opec member along with Indonesia and the UAE, is a strong supporter of the production cut proposal. The cut is opposed by two other Opec members, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Oman, which is not an Opec member, last week reversed a

decision to cut its production by 5 per cent and went back to its 1987 output peak of 600,000 barrels per day.

Oil industry sources in Muscat said the new level will be maintained until the Opec June meeting.

Aqazadeh was quoted by the official Emirates news agency WAM as saying on arrival at Abu Dhabi that Iran "will back any framework for just cooperation" between producers inside and outside Opec.

The Iranian minister said that he hoped an agreement would be reached in Vienna for a cooperative production cut with Opec and non-Opec nations which would boost oil prices to

the \$18 a barrel target set by

Opec.

Though WAM did not elaborate, it also reported that Aqazadeh called on Opec to deal with "all proposed solutions" for supporting Opec's target price at the Vienna meeting.

Attempts

The reported statement indicated Iran is softening its position after accusing Saudi Arabia of deliberately scuttling the attempts at the Opec consultative session last month for an accord on the percentage-based output.

Saudi Arabia countered with a proposal for a barrel-for-barrel cut, arguing that Opec should not surrender further market share.

World Business Summary

Hanover Bank to boost gas-additive loan

CARACAS, May 23, (AP): The Manufacturer's Hanover Bank, Ltd., plans to increase by nearly two-thirds its loan for construction of the western hemisphere's largest non-polluting-gas-additive plant, the governmental news service Venepres reported. The London-based bank intends to add \$60 million to the \$100-million loan it agreed to make for a methyl-tert-butyl-ether (MTBE) project earlier this month, Venepres reported Friday. The total cost of the plant, which will be similar to one already in Saudi Arabia, should amount to \$266 million. MTBE is an additive that produces similarly high octane levels in gasoline as does lead, without the pollution. In late 1990, the plant is to begin producing 500,000 tons of MTBE per year, all earmarked for export to the United States, Western Europe and Japan. Venezuela has no restrictions on using leaded gasoline, and the plan is seen as another means of gleaming hard currencies to pay off the country's \$29-billion foreign debt. Twenty-two other American and European banks are involved with Manufacturer's Hanover, Ltd., in the plant's financing.

The plant, already under construction in eastern Venezuela, is being built by Super Octanos, C.A., a joint enterprise in which Pequiven — the petro-chemical affiliate of Petroleos De Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA) — and Ecolfuel — a subsidiary of the Italian firm ENI — each holds 49 per cent interest. Together, they will cover the balance of the cost of construction.

Aqazadeh to discuss Opec problems with Indonesia

JAKARTA, May 23, (Reuters): Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh will discuss ways of narrowing differences within Opec during a two-day visit to Jakarta this week. Indonesian Energy Minister Gajah Kartasasmita said today.

He said Aqazadeh, on a three-nation tour which is also taking him to Oman and the U.S., will visit Indonesia on Wednesday and Thursday. "We will make a hard effort to close differences between Opec members," Gajah told reporters. Indonesia is widely regarded as part of a moderate group within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) which would help to bridge differences, particularly between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

At its last meeting in April, Opec was unable to agree on reciprocal output cuts proposed by six non-Opec producers to boost sagging world prices. Iran and seven other Opec members supported the planned joint cuts but Saudi Arabia and other Gulf producers blocked an agreement. The Iranian national news agency Isna said Aqazadeh's tour was aimed at fighting depressed oil prices prior to an Opec meeting in Vienna next month. Gajah proposed last week that Iran's Gulf war rival, Iraq, should be brought back into Opec's production quota system. He said it was important that Opec solved the issue of Iraq's quota at its next meeting.

Oil prices firm slightly

LONDON, May 23, (Reuters): World spot crude oil markets firms to 10-20 cents a barrel on Friday but stuck to recent narrow trading ranges, unimpressed by comments from Iran's top war spokesman that Tehran is at war with Washington. The United States' State Department later dismissed the assertion, although it said its ships would continue to defend themselves against attack in the strategic Middle East Gulf.

Traders said oil markets derived some early support from the statement, fearing renewed tension in the strategic waterway. But they noted that overall price direction was lacking. Most saw little incentive to trade ahead of the twice-yearly conference of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) starting on June 8 in Vienna. Prices had slipped over the past days on market perceptions of surplus supplies of crude on both sides of the Atlantic. But, in the North Sea on Friday, signs emerged that physical prices may have bottomed out, commanding less of a large discount to attract buyers than seen recently. One cargo of North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, was rumoured sold at a discount of 20 cents a barrel to June loading cargoes, compared with trade on Wednesday at a 32 cents discount.

Saudi cement firm seeks loan rescheduling after loss

BAHRAIN, May 23, (Reuters):

The construction industry hit by declining oil revenues, Saudi Arabia's newest cement producer has asked creditors to reschedule 750 million riyals (\$120 million) in loans, bankers said today.

The Saudi-Kuwaiti Cement Co last week reported a 1987 net loss of 46.9 million riyals (\$12.5 million), its second loss in a row in three years of operation.

Approval

Bankers said negotiations to reschedule two major loans, one a syndication with 14 commercial banks and the other a loan from the government-owned Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SidiF) were nearing conclusion.

"Basically we're in agreement — we're waiting for approval from one bank," said a banker involved in the negotiations.

Facility

The loan was divided into a

350 million (\$93 million) term

loan due to mature in 1992 and a 100 million riyal (\$27 million)

revolving two-year credit to be repaid on June 1 this year.

The company, based in the kingdom's eastern province, said it was able to make the first instalment of the term loan in June, 1987, but fell behind on a 47 million riyal (\$12.5 million) second instalment in December.

Bankers said about 323 million riyals (\$86 million) was still outstanding on the term facility and 49 million riyals (\$13 million) on the revolving credit.

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LONDON (High Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	738.0
ABBEY LFE	272.0	JAGUAR	242/0
ADT LTD	116.0	LADBROKE	403/0
ALL LYONS	414/0	LAND SECS	578/0
AMSTRAD	173.0	LAPORTE	417/0
ARGYLL GP	192/0	MARKS+SP	174/0
ASDA GP	153.0	MARVELL C	213/0
BAA	76.22	METAL BOX	03.79
BTR	246/0	NEPC	565/0
BAT INDs	397/0	MIDLAND BK	400/0
BARCLAYS	395/0	NEXT	256/0
BASS	806/0	NTR FOODS	293.0
BEAVER	175/0	P & O DFD	578/0
BEEMECH	450/0	PEARL	469/0
BERIFORD	304/0	PEARSON	677/0
BICC PLC	328/0	PILKINGTON	199/0
BLUE ARW	112/0	PLESSEY	156/0
BLE CIRC	409/0	PRUDENTIAL	764/0
BOG GP	379/0	RACAL	311.0
BOOTS CO	216/0	RANK HVIS	347/0
BBP INDs	277/0	RANK RORG	707/0
BR COMM	247/0	READEY APPLEYARD	435/0
BR AIRWAY	145/0	REDLAND	358/0
BR AEROSP	382/0	REFED	403/0
BR GAS RG	168/0	RYL BK SC	338/0
B.P.	260.0	RCM GRP	454/0
B.P. NEW	65/0	REUTERS	455/0
BR TELCOM	239.5	RTZ TELCO	397/0
BRITISH		ROLLS ROY	115/0
BUNZL	127/0	ROTHMAN B	418/0
BURKHOL	565/0	ROYAL INNS	392/0
BURTON	226.0	SAATCHI	366/0
CABLESHIR	347.0	SAINTSBURY	216/0
CADBURY	327/0	SCOT-NEW	309/0
COATS VIV	227/0	SEARS	115/0
COMM UNI	358.0	SEDEGWICK	222/0
CONS GOLD	925/0	SELL	024/0
COOKSONS	513.0	SHELL	234/0
COURTAULD	351/0	SMITH IND	234/0
DALGETY	297.7	SIMPSON	203/0
DEE CP	184/0	STC	245/0
DIXONS	171/0	STORENSE	253/0
ENCI CHINA	427/0	SUN ALLIA	909/0
ENTER OIL	394/0	TARMAC	235/0
FKT BACK	122.0	TATE&LEYLE	75.0
FERRANTI	78/0	TESCO	145.0
GEN ACCID	885/0	THORN EMI	62/0
GEN ELEC	146.0	TRAF HSE	295.0
GLAXO	904/0	TSB	9/0
GRANADA	314/0	TRUSTHSE	175/0
GLOBE	132/0	ULTRAMAR	283/0
GLYNMED	444/0	UNILEVER	434/0
GRAND MET	493/0	UNIGATE	308/0
GUARD RYL	859/0	US BOX	525/0
GUINNESS	306/0	US BOOKER	382/0
HIMMERS A	592/0	UTD 61SC	258/0
HANSON	26.37	UTD IMPR	455/0
HAKER SIC	511.0	WILLIAMS	268.0
HILLSDOWN	273.0	WILLIS FB	242/0
ICI	950/0	WINPEY GE	250.0
IMI	190.0	Woolworth	281/0
		BR ASSETS	63/4
		BR LAND	330/0
		BR VITA	224/0
		BR WIT	224/0

World Leaders

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1408.8	1415.2	1403.0	1386.7
FT 500 SHR	1000.8	1000.8	995.0	984.4
FT ALL SHR	915.16	915.16	919.69	896.75
FT GOV SEC	90.12	90.12	89.97	91.03
FT GOLD MN	203.1	203.1	200.9	237.3
FT MINES F	482.85	482.85	471.93	432.96
FT OIL	1791.0	1791.0	1776.5	1768.7
FT WLD DLR	126.77	126.76	127.41	128.44
FT WLD STG	100.94	100.66	101.32	101.83
FT WLD LOC	111.02	110.97	111.82	112.29
				99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES MIXED TO LOWER IN AFTERNOON LONDON, MAY 25, REUTER - SHARES WERE MIXED WITH A SLIGHTLY LOWER BIAS AS PARTICIPANTS ALLOWED PRICES TO DRIFT IN QUIET TRADING. THERE WAS LITTLE INTEREST AT THE START OF THE NEW ACCOUNT IN RESPONSE TO A LOWER TOKYO CLOSE OVERNIGHT AND A DULL WALL STREET OPENING TODAY, DEALERS SAID.

AT 1416 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS DOWN 2.5 POINTS TO 1,767.7, UP SLIGHTLY FROM THE DAY'S EARLY LOW OF 1,765.9.

DEALERS NOTED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF EX-DIVIDEND QUOTATIONS AMONG THE LEADING SHARES WAS EXERTING DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON PRICES. ROMNTREE WAS DOWN 13P TO 892, TRADING STRIPPED OF ITS 10-1/2P DIVIDEND. UNITED BISCUITS FELL 7P TO 258 EX-DIVIDEND.

BARCLAYS HEADED THE MOST ACTIVE LIST WITH TURNOVER IN THE FULLY PAID SHARES EXCEEDING 36 MLN SHARES BY 1416 GMT. THE SHARES WERE STEADY AT 400P AFTER A QUOTED HIGH OF 405.

BARCLAYS SAID IT HAD RECEIVED AROUND 95 PCT ACCEPTANCES FOR ITS 921 MLN STG RIGHTS ISSUE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL. DEALERS SAID TODAY'S TURNOVER IN BARCLAYS SHARES REFLECTED THE PLACEMENT OF THE RUMP OF THE RIGHTS ISSUE.

BARCLAYS SAID THE REMAINING STOCK HAS BEEN SOLD AT AN AVERAGE NET PREMIUM OF AROUND 142P ABOVE THE 250P OFFER PRICE. OTHER BANKS CONTINUED TO FIND SUPPORT ON THE PERCEPTION THE SECTOR HAS UNDERPERFORMED RECENTLY, NATWEST ROSE 5P TO 555.

London Gold

LONDON, MAY 23, REUTER - GOLD AND PLATINUM PARSED SHARP MORNING GAINS AS U.S. MARKETS EASED BACK, BUT INTEREST WAS FAIRLY THIN DUE TO HOLIDAYS IN EUROPE, DEALERS SAID.

PLATINUM SET THE PACE FOR BULLION, RISING TO ITS HIGHEST FIXING FOR SEVEN MONTHS THIS MORNING AFTER HEAVY SPECULATIVE BUYING IN THE FAR EAST ON CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT SUPPLIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA. BUT NYMEX SAW RAPID PROFIT-TAKING AT ITS OPENING.

PLATINUM WAS FIXED AT 571.00 DLRS ANOUNCE THIS AFTERNOON COMPARED WITH A MORNING SETTLEMENT OF 576.50 DLRS AND FRIDAY'S 557.50/559.00 CLOSE. GOLD WAS SET AT 457.25 AGAINST A MORNING FIX OF 460.25 AND FRIDAY'S CLOSE OF 455.00/455.25.

London Money Market

LONDON, MAY 23, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES KEPT THEIR EASIER TREND IN A QUIET DAY, HELPED BY THE STRENGTH OF STERLING AND A LOWER THAN EXPECTED RISE IN APRIL'S U.K. GDP. STERLING, WHICH ENDED ONE BASIS POINTS HIGHER AT 78.4 ON ITS TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX, MOVED AROUND 3.18 MARKS ALL DAY. DEALERS SAID THEY COULD SEE LITTLE TO RESTRAIN THE CURRENCY BUT ARE CAUTIOUS AHEAD OF BRITISH APRIL TRADE FIGURES ON FRIDAY.

DEALERS SEE ANY FURTHER APPRECIATION IN THE POUND AS GRADUAL AND, WITH INFLATION WORRIES GROWING APEACE, BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE TO SIGNIFICANTLY BREAK THE 3.20 MARK LEVEL BEFORE ANOTHER CUT IN BRITISH INTEREST RATES BECOMES LIKELY.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR
1.8680/85	1.7020/25	5.7520/50	DPG
STG 1.8665/75	3.1785/1815	10.7390/7485	NOON
DKR	-----	-----	FIX
FFR	-----	-----	FIX
SFR	-----	1300	FIX
HLF	-----	-----	NOON
ECU 1.22276	.656164	2.08175	7.04066
SDR 1.37225	0.735988	2.33639	7.90279
YEN 124.75/85	232.94	-----	-----
SDR RATE	20/05/1988	OTHERS	23/05/1988

BRAMMER CHE 138/0 138/0 HICKSM IN 181/0 183/0 ROTHSCILD 155/0 157/0

BRENT WKR 365/0 366/0 HIGGS HIL 324/0 325/0 RUBEROID 193/0 193/0

BRIDON 170/0 171/0 HINDRSN GP 371/0 372/0 RUGBY GRP 251/0 251/0

BRITANNIC 070/0 070/0 HOGG TST 219/0 218/0 SAGA HOL 200/0 200/0

BRIXTON E 306/0 307/0 HOLLITS 111/0 112/0 SALVESEN 158/0 158/0

BROOKS 100/0 101/0 HOPKINSON 110/0 110/0 SAVILLE G 47/0 48/0

BSC INTL 62/0 62/0 HPWTH CRM 225/0 225/0 SAVOY "A" 063/0 065/0

BULMER RP 172/0 172/0 HRSS OMNS 146/4 145/0 SCHR.GLOB 207/0 206/0

CALOR GRP 372/0 372/0 HTV GROUP 221/0 223/0 SCOT HERI 180/0 179/0

CAMS ELEC 233/0 233/0 HSBC TST 169/0 170/0 SCOT I.T. 115/4 116/0

CAMS INST 45/0 46/0 ICE.FZ FD 366/0 366/0 SCOT MET 128/0 128/0

CAMFORD E 156/0 156/0 IMRY N.DV 389/0 390/0 SCOT MORT 95/4 96/0

CANNING W 179/0 180/0 INVEST. 320/0 321/0 SCOT TV 384/0 381/0 SCOT. PW 267/0 270/0

CANNON ST 285/0 284/0 INPDNT W 7/4 7/0 SCOT NAT C 24/0 25/0 AN ELET PW 267/0 270/0

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CARLESS C 130/0 131/0 INVERGORD 225/0 225/0 SENIOR EN 50/0 50/0 AN TEL-TEL 26/6 26/6

CARTER AL 370/0 370/0 KALON GP 31/4 31/4 SIEBE 325/0 326/0 AMCO CORP 75/1 75/1

CATER ALL 370/0 370/0 KELT ENGY 49/0 SIMON ENG 240/0 241/0 GOODRICH 50/0 50/1

CENTL ITV 529/0 528/0 KENDY BRK 412/0 413/0 SINGERFR 68/0 68/0 GOODYEAR 61/6 62/0

CHARTERA 18/0 18/0 KETSON 81/0 81/0 SLOUGH ES 295/0 295/0 OH ED CO 18/0 18/0

CHARTER 18/0 18/0 KLAIR BEN 363/0 363/0 SLAUCH 68/4 68/4 ORDNANCE 14/5 14/5

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1988

International Bond Highlights

Tokyo — Finland is planning to sign at the beginning of June for a 15 billion yen 15-year Samurai bond issue, the Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd said as commissioned bank. (RTUV 0834)

Tokyo — Mitsui Bank Ltd has decided to issue 50 billion yen in five-year convertible bonds (CBS) and 30 billion yen in six-year CBS in the domestic credit market, a bank spokesman said. (RTUS 0815)

London — The UK government bond market, currently in the grip of a gradual downward slope in prices, is unlikely to break out of its trading range ahead of April UK trade data on Friday, dealers and economists told Reuters. (RTUK 0747)

Interest rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	7-3/8 1/4	7-5/16 1/4	7-11/16 9/16
FFT	3-20/25	3-40/50	3-50/60
PAR	7-1/4 3/8	7-5/8 3/4	7-13/16 15/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	2 2-1/4	2-1/4 2-1/2
BRX	4-35	6-1/8	6-1/16 3/16
ROM	9-3/4 10-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4
ANS	3-7/8 4-0/0	3-15/16 4-1/16	4-1/8 4-1/8
TKD	3.1875 2500	3.9375 4,000	3.8750 9375
ECU ***	5.87 6.00	6.18 6.31	6.11/16

Interest rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	63/16	65/8
3 months	63/16	65/8
6 months	61/4	611/16
1 year	63/16	611/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	68	67	68	NICO	525	525	515	
ACC	193	188	GRASIM	92.50	90	91.50	ROCL	470	465	475	
ASIA PAINT	160	155	GSCF	116.50	114	114	ORKAY	38	35.50	36	
BAJAJ AUTO	200	195	HIND LEVER	73	70.50	73	PEICO	35	34	35	
BAR. RAYON	260	250	HINDALCO	76.50	76	75	PFIER	72	68	70	
BON. DYING	123	123	HINDCOCO	83.75	80	81.25	PRE-AUTO	33.50	32.50	32	
BR. BOND	92	88	HINDMOTOR	21.25	20.50	20.50	RAYHOND	48.50	49	47.50	
BSE INDEX	522.03	539.42	IND ORG	25.50	24	24	RELIANCE	164	167	167	
CENTURYSPEC	870	850	INDRAYON	63.50	63	63.50	SIEMENS	78	75	74	
COLGATE	200	195	INDROL	167.50	162.50	166.50	SPIC	45.25	44	43.25	
DEEPAKFERT	39.50	37.50	ITC	40.50	44	43	STOMILL	245	235	240	
ETI. HOTEL	51	50	JESYNT	65	65	63	TATA PMR	255	252.50	245	
ESKAITE	166.25	165	L AND T	94.50	93	92.50	TATACHEM	74	71	72.50	
ESSAR	19	17.25	MAHINDRA	60	57.50	62	TELCO	540	532.50	532.50	
GAR. POLY	85	83	MASTERSHR	11.92	10.87	11	TISCO	750	736.25	735	
GE.SHIP	27.25	28	27.35	WATNER PL	81	82	81	VOLTAS	292.50	287.50	290

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE	MITSUB CP	1280	1300
ACC	193	188	GRASIM	92.50	90
ASIA PAINT	160	155	GSCF	116.50	114
BAJAJ AUTO	200	195	HIND LEVER	73	70.50
BAR. RAYON	260	250	HINDALCO	76.50	76
BON. DYING	123	123	HINDCOCO	83.75	80
BR. BOND	92	88	HINDMOTOR	21.25	20.50
BSE INDEX	522.03	539.42	IND ORG	25.50	24
CENTURYSPEC	870	850	INDRAYON	63.50	63
COLGATE	200	195	INDROL	167.50	162.50
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STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE	MITSUB EL	719	722
AJJINOMOTO	3390	3430	MITSUB EST	2480	2500
AKAI ELEC	650	657	MITSUB RVY	696	693
AOKI	1050	1070	MITSUI CO	900	905
ASAHI GAS	1990	2000	MITSUKOSHI	1720	1720
ASAHI OPT	696	695	MITSUMI EL	1240	1260
BANK TOKYO	1550	1530	NICHICON	1400	1390
BRIDGESTON	1490	1490	NINON CHNT	845	852
CANON	1270	1280	NIKKO SEC	1900	1930
CASIO CORP	1270	1270	NIP ELEC	2140	2170
CHUGAI MNG	0	1600	NIP KOKAN	401	403
CITIZEN M	781	792	NIP OIL	1180	1180
D-ICHI KAN	3140	3150	NIP STEEL	458	464
DAI NIP IK	812	808	NIP YUSEN	645	649
DAI NIP PT	2580	2610	NIS MOTOR	927	928
DAI NIP SC	1070	1070	NONURA SEC	3940	4000
DAI NIP TO	603	615	ORBA CO	1000	1010
DAICEL	885	883	OLYMPUS	1140	1140
DAIMI H	2080	2090	PENTAX OPTC	866	870
DAIVA SEC	2450	2510	PIONEER	3130	3180
EBRA MFG	1020	1020	RENOM	963	972
EISAI	2140	2170	RICHO	1320	1320
FUJITSU	1550	1570	SANKYO	2040	2060
FUJI BANK	3210	3260	SANTO ELEC	569	576
FUJI PHOTO	3930	3960	SEIYU ST	2330	2350
FUJISAMA	2090	2090	SEKISUI PB	1950	1970
FUJITA CP	779	765	SHARP	1090	1070
HITACHI	1400	1420	SHISEIDO	1830	1830
HONDA MOT	1710	1730	SONY	5250	5290
ISETAN	1610	1610	SUMITOMO	1130	1150
ITO YOKADO	4550	4570	TAISEI	967	975
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MAKITA EL	1770	1780	TOYOTA MOT	2290	2290
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MATSUTA EI	2570	2570	YANAHUCHI	1900	1950
MATSUTA EI	0	2660	YANAHUCHI	4240	4290
MEIJI SEIK	1040	1040	YAMAZAKI	1670	1660

Tokyo Stock Market Report

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Share prices slip

Gold jumps on inflation worries

LONDON, May 23, (Reuters): The price of gold jumped sharply today as investors, worried about inflation, bought steadily.

Bullion was fixed in London at \$460.25 an ounce, up \$5.35 from Friday's afternoon fixing. It was the first time gold had been fixed above \$460 an ounce since January.

The dollar was steady at just above 1.7 West German marks and just below 125 yen, but worries about inflation depressed share prices in London and Tokyo. Most continental European bourses were closed for the Whit Monday holiday.

"People started considering inflation as a factor as commodity prices rise," a Japanese gold dealer said, adding that in the gold market, "participants take those higher prices as buying signals."

Prices

Financial markets around the world were unsettled by news that a key measure of commodity prices, the commodity research bureau index, had fallen last week at its highest in three years.

Most investors look to gold as a safe haven for their money when inflation erodes the value of cash or securities.

Dealers said Asian investors

were big buyers today. They also bought platinum, another precious metal used as a hedge against inflation, and its price rose about \$10 an ounce to \$576.50.

London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares opened 4.2 points lower at 1,766, in exceptionally quiet trading.

But inflation is worrying Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, too.

Row

Although she last week settled a political row over economic policy by agreeing with Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson on the need to keep Britain's pound sterling from rising, many analysts wonder if her government is ready to let interest rates slide further — a move which may be needed to steady the pound.

The cost of a strong pound could be lost export sales, and cutting interest rates paid on sterling bank accounts and British bonds could convince investors to sell the currency.

Prospect

But that would also lower the cost of borrowing, and cheap credit could set off a consumer spending spree that would rekindle inflation.

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Fears of inflation in the United States, fanned by continuing rises in the Commodity Research Bureau Index, and expected strong revised US first quarter Gross National Product figures due on Thursday, gave brokers little hope that Wall Street would break out of its lackluster mood.

Bearish

Currency dealers, although slightly bearish on the US dollar due to the fears of inflation, traded the greenback in a tight range.

Buying interest by investment trusts supported the dollar psychologically because they are expected to need a large amount of dollars for funds established this month which will invest in US bonds and stocks.

"The dollar has been hard to move, especially against the yen, wedged between selling and buying interest," one dealer said.

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platinum's morning fix at \$576.50 an ounce, was the highest since October, when the global stock market crash started investors worrying about recession instead of inflation.

And while

growing inflation fears are boosting platinum, dealers said they were worried when an official of South Africa's opposition Conservative Party suggested suspending precious metals shipments if the US Congress approves any new anti-apartheid sanctions.

South Africa

Supplies 80 per cent of the non-communist world's platinum and analysts said rising racial violence there is heightening concern about those supplies, especially after the assignation on Sunday of Pieter Jacobs, a 43-year-old member of the coloured chamber of South Africa's segregated parliament.

But some

analysts say worries about supplies are overdone.

South African

Foreign Minister Pik Botha has said his country will not shift shipments.

"I cannot see South Africa taking any retaliatory steps involving strategic metals," said Geoff Robson, metals analyst for Johnson Matthey Plc. in London.

Crushing debt casts pall over OAU 25th anniversary

NAIROBI, May 23, (Reuters):

Africa's crushing debt, defying hopes for a quick cure, casts a pall over this week's 25th anniversary meeting of the 49 member Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

African leaders gather on Wednesday for the annual OAU summit, held jointly with celebrations to mark the birth of the organisation in 1963.

But any toast of achievements of unity and solidarity will be tempered by worry over the debt, hunger, poverty, drought and civil strife that have ravaged many African economies.

Their last summit, six months ago, was convened specially to find ways of easing Africa's \$20-billion debt burden.

The extent of the burden was underlined today by the current OAU chairman, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, who said African nations simply could not pay up now and should be given until well into the next century to rebuild their economies before having to repay their debts.

Doubts

"African countries should not throw in the towel and do nothing about their debts," Kaunda told the pan-African news agency, but "we must declare in very clear terms to the creditors that they (African countries) will pay given at least a 20-year grace period to recover."

The OAU decided at last December's summit to re-launch an initiative first floated three years ago calling for an international debt conference at which African borrowers would benefit from collective bargaining.

Action by Western governments, the World Bank, IMF

and the Abidjan-based African Development Bank (ADB) is expected to make available more than \$3 billion a year in fresh aid for sub-Saharan Africa alone.

Western governments and other lenders have extended repayment periods and agreed to softer interest terms on certain debts.

But the head of the Third World delegation at this month's Lome talks, Niger's Planning Minister Almoustapha Soumaila, said comprehensive and durable solutions still have to be found.

Last December, the EEC unveiled two-year, \$600-million emergency aid package for countries south of the Sahara desert — the world's poorest area.

But, sticking to the policy of most of Africa's creditors, EEC officials say only countries that agree to IMF — or World Bank-sponsored economic reforms will benefit.

Reforms

Some 28 sub-Saharan countries are implementing such reforms. But for some others in Africa, prospects look bleak.

Zambia, which one year ago abandoned the IMF line in favour of a go-it-alone economic policy, says it has no regrets despite action by other donors to withhold \$200 million in aid because of the break.

The IMF has declared Zambia, Sudan, Liberia and Sierra Leone ineligible for funds from it because of arrears on repayments of previous debts, a move which often prompts governments, banks and other lenders to cut off aid.

Lenders

Creditors have launched several initiatives in the past year to help defuse Africa's debt crisis, which results largely from depressed world prices for the continent's oil, farm and metal exports.

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professor Richard Drobnick.

Even while delegates from other Asian nations were rebuffing Japanese calls for a Pacific OECD, they were urging Tokyo to expand its imports from and aid to other countries in the region.

Although the idea of a Pacific OECD failed to find favour, many here said the Pecc needed to become more structured with a permanent secretariat and more contacts with governments.

Cooperation

"In view of the importance of the Pacific economies ... there is a growing need for closer economic cooperation," the Pecc standing committee said. "More frequent and regular exchange of information and views on the macroeconomic situation and policy is now of greater importance."

Such cooperation is not easily achieved.

The United States insisted that it be in charge of the annual Pacific economic outlooks. The Pecc will issue from now on, with Japan relegated to secondary role. The first outlook, which painted a rosy future for the Pacific region but raised some doubts about the ability of America to deal with its huge trade deficit, was mostly the work of Japan.

Approaches

The Pecc itself is exploring ways of expanding its contacts with the Pacific: to open up a dialogue with the Asian newly industrialised countries in the region.

Japan has felt increasingly uncomfortable with the criticism levelled at the Nics' trade policies by the United States. Unlike Washington, Tokyo is running a trade surplus with the Nics, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan, each of which except Hong Kong is a Pecc member.

Japanese suggestions for a Pacific OECD founded, partly because other countries did not want the Pecc to become dominated by bureaucrats, but also because many are afraid of an expansion of Japanese influence.

Fest

A senior US delegate was not alone in voicing fears that a Pacific OECD would end up dominated by Japan, staffed mostly by Japanese, with its headquarters in Tokyo.

Some academics here said such fears were misplaced. Even in America's neighbour Mexico, Japan is the second largest foreign investor, a Mexican representative said.

The Asian and US economies "will become more integrated into the financial and economic structure of Japan," said University of Southern California

approaches have been made.

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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

Tagi-GTI link-up planned

By Khaled Ahmad



Abu Ghazaleh (centre) addresses the press conference.

Arab professional accountants.

Further, this link would provide his establishment, and consequently Arab accountants, with the latest techniques in accounting and auditing procedures. He said, the added expertise and capabilities of GTI would contribute significantly towards enhancing the capabilities of its membership in

international organisations. He went on to say, that Western markets, particularly the United States possessed advanced capabilities, especially in the field of information.

On reasons for international attention being focussed on the link-up,

area, Abu Ghazaleh said "all analysis indicate the Arab world will witness hectic financial growth in the coming decade. In confirming this statement, Bob Kleckner, said, he considered it to be one of the reasons for the link-up.

Kufuma furniture in Kuwait, a joint venture with Scandinavian interests, and several joint ventures with Swiss, American, German, Irish and French companies working in food processing and packaging industries.

They also enjoy a major comparative advantage available in the region, namely the abundant and low cost source of energy, such as gas and hydrocarbon fuels.

Once the established brands start being manufactured locally, it will immediately enjoy a secure market. The manufacture of these products locally would also create demand for a whole range of other related products and materials.

These depend on the preceding industries, or are dependent on the presence of large markets for their products in the Gulf area in particular and in the Arab region in general. Examples of these industries include: the manufacturing and assembling of certain types of vehicles, industries catering to the national and regional defence and security sectors as well as industrial requirements that serve other sectors such as the oil industry, agriculture, light industries, metal constructions and medical products.

Oil is absolutely the largest sector in the region and its needs and requirements are numerous during the different stages of production (exploration, extraction, transportation and refining). Since its beginning, the oil industry has been contributing to the development of a large associate business sector, and many industrial projects could emerge to serve this industry.

The development of selective high technological, infrastructural and engineering industries would make it possible for countries of the region to attain a certain degree of technological independence and would help in the transfer and assimilation of technology.

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Aunt Barbara

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Let's cook

Bread and butter pudding

Ingredients

4 slices white bread
25g (1 oz) butter
50g (2 oz) mixed dried fruit
25g (1 oz) caster sugar
1 egg
250 ml (1/2 pint) milk

Equipment

500 ml (1 pint) ovenproof dish
Knife and fork
Measuring jug

1. Put oven on at Gas Mark 4 (electricity 350 F/180 C).

2. Carefully cut off crusts from bread and spread the four slices with butter. Grease the dish. Place crusts in the bottom.

3. Cut each slice of bread into four, either squares or triangles.

4. Arrange pieces of bread over the crusts and around the sides of the dish and sprinkle some of the fruit and sugar over the bread.

5. Put in another layer of bread, the rest of the fruit and some of the sugar.

6. Cover this with the rest of the bread with the buttered side up. Sprinkle with the rest of the sugar.

7. Beat the egg well into the milk and gently pour over the pudding. Let this stand for 10 minutes so that the bread will soak up the milk.

8. Put into oven and bake for 30-45 minutes until set and the top is crisp and golden.

9. Serve immediately.



Ingredients

100g (4 oz) plain flour
Pinch of salt
1 egg + milk to make up to 250 ml
(1/2 pint)
Lard for frying

Equipment

Small frying pan
Serving plate
Whisk
Sieve
Palette knife

1. Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Make a well in the centre of the flour.
2. Beat egg and milk

Apple and raisin pancakes

together.

3. Gradually add beaten egg and a little milk to flour mixture and stir well.

4. Work in rest of liquid and mix to a smooth batter.

(If any lumps occur, whisk well). Chill before using.

5. Melt a little lard in a heavy frying pan. Tilt so that the fat covers base empty away any excess.

6. Pour a little batter mix-

ture into the pan and tilt so that the mixture covers the base. More mixture can be added if needed but pancakes should not be too thick.

Cook for 2-3 minutes until set. Free edges with palette knife and shake pan gently to free centre. Turn the pancake over.

7. Cook for a further 2-3 minutes. Turn onto warm plate and serve hot with fresh lemon or orange juice.

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ATHLETICS

Cruz beats Ovett in 1,500m

SAO PAULO, Brazil, May 23. (Reuter): Brazil's Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz held off a late challenge by Britain's Steve Ovett to win the 1,500 metres event at the international athletics meeting in Brazil yesterday.

A capacity crowd of 10,000 at the Ibirapuera stadium cheered as Cruz crossed the line well ahead of Ovett at three minutes 41.40 seconds, against 3.42.28 by Briton.

Although their times were slow in terms of records, Cruz was jubilant. He celebrated with the partisan crowd throughout his last lap, waving and sending kisses.

"It's good to win in Brazil," Cruz said. "The time is not important at this point. Ovett put a pressure at the end and, even though I'd lost, I managed to retain the lead."

He said he would compete in the Seoul Olympics in the 800 metres, in which he is the defending Olympic champion, as well as in the 1,500 metres.

Ovett said he was not disappointed with his performance, considering it was the first time in three years that he had run the 1,500 metres.

Trials

"I felt a bit tired but I think I did well," he said. "I can't move fast now, because I want to reach my peak between July and August, when we'll have the Olympic trials in Britain."

The hero of the day for the Brazilians was sprinter Robson Caetano da Silva, who won both the 100 metres (10.37 seconds) and the 200 metres (20.51 seconds).

Da Silva, who beat former world champion Calvin Smith of the United States in the 200 metres, said he was confident of winning a medal in that event in Seoul.

Among the women, 100-metre Evelyn Ashford of the United States had a slow start but recovered to win her event in 11.5 seconds.

Ashford said she was concerned about the US Olympic trials because she thought that, to qualify for the 100 metres, she would have to run it in less than 11 seconds.

PORTUGUESE HAVE TRADITION ON THEIR SIDE

Benfica and PSV set for Cup final

STUTTGART, West Germany, May 23. (Reuter): Despite the absence of Benfica's inspirational captain Diamantino, a night of enterprising soccer remains in prospect on Wednesday when the Portuguese champions meet PSV Eindhoven in the European Cup final.

Midfield mainspring Diamantino was carried off with torn knee ligaments on Saturday during Benfica's 3-0 win over Guimaraes and was immediately ruled out of the club's first appearance in a Champions' Cup final for 20 years.

Possess

Though he will be sorely missed, both Benfica and PSV possess enough other players of outstanding talent to offer the most worthy of following Porto's exhilarating triumph over Bayern Munich.

The Portuguese victory in Vienna last year helped to fuel the ambitions of Benfica whose last appearance at the summit of the European club game came in

1968 when they were beaten 4-1 after extra time by England's Manchester United.

The football that night was a glorious testimony to the attacking instincts of two teams renowned for their flair and panache and few neutrals will watch Wednesday's final without recalling Benfica's stirring achievements of the past.

Winners of the trophy in 1961, Benfica reached the final again in 1962 when they overcame Real Madrid 5-3, with Eusebio scoring twice in one of the most famous of all Champions' Cup finals.

Eusebio, now an assistant coach at the club with whom his name is synonymous, believes the current Benfica team is excellent and well capable of keeping the European Cup in Portugal.

His confidence may be well-placed, as Benfica, with such seasoned Portuguese internationals as Alvaro Magalhaes and Antonio Pacheco augmen-

ted by a host of Brazilians, have tradition and experience on their side.

But PSV, appearing in the final of Europe's premier club tournament for the first time, should not be under-valued.

While Benfica have had to concede the Portuguese title this season to Porto, PSV have retained theirs for the third successive year with such a swagger most of their rivals had conceded defeat long before the end of the season.

Captured

The small Eindhoven club, backed by the enormous wealth of electrical giants Philips, finished nine points clear of runners-up Ajax Amsterdam, losing only two of 34 League matches and scoring more than 100 goals. They also won the Dutch Cup on May 12 — their last competitive outing — when they beat Roda JC 3-2 after extra time.

Not since the heyday of Ajax and Johan Cruyff in the 1970s have a Dutch team captured so

much attention with the quality of their football.

In Dutch international libero Ronald Koeman, Danish workhorse Soren Lerby and his midfield colleague Gerald Vanenberg, PSV have three players of the highest class whose skills perfectly harmonise within the team.

"Ajax's great sides of the 1970s relied too much on Cruyff," said PSV coach Guus Hiddink. "Now PSV have players who can come forward to attack from everywhere Portuguese."

Aggregate

Against the Danes of Aarhus, Benfica scrapped through only 1-0 aggregate in the second round after a first round walkover against Partizan Tirana of Albania.

They reached the final with further victories over Anderlecht (2-1 on aggregate) and 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest (2-0).

PSV beat Galatasaray (3-2), Rapid Vienna (4-1), Bordeaux (1-1) and Real Madrid (1-1) to earn their place in the final.

Sweden sail past Kuwait

FLORENCE, Italy, May 23. (AP): Italy and Sweden both scored third round victories to remain the only two teams undefeated in the men's Olympic qualifying volleyball competition here yesterday.

At Cambridge: Middlesex 26 and 31 for two, Cambridge University 237 for seven declared (M. Atherton 151 not out, S. Hughes four for 39).

Standings

English Sunday League cricket table after yesterday's matches (tabulate under

— played, won, lost, no result, points)

Middlesex 4 3 0 1 14

Surrey 4 3 0 1 14

Essex 5 3 2 0 14

Glamorgan 5 3 2 0 12

Gloucestershire 4 3 1 0 12

Leicestershire 4 3 1 0 12

Worcestershire 5 3 2 0 12

Kent 5 2 3 1 10

Yorkshire 4 2 3 1 10

Nottinghamshire 5 2 3 0 8

Derbyshire 4 1 2 1 6

Warwickshire 4 1 2 0 4

Northamptonshire 4 1 3 0 4

Sussex 4 1 3 0 4

Warwickshire 4 1 3 0 4

Somerset 3 0 3 0 0

Standings

Standings after third day (tabulate under

played, won, lost, no result, points)

Italy 3 3 0 6

Sweden 5 3 0 6

Canada 3 1 2 2

Canada 3 1 2 2

Algeria 3 0 3 0

Taiwan 3 0 3 0

two-hitter, striking out 13, and Jack Clark hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning as the New York Yankees beat the Oakland Athletics 2-0 yesterday, taking two of three games in the weekend duel of American League division leaders.

Candelaria, 6-2, retired the first 14 batters, striking out seven. Dave Henderson broke the string when he doubled with two out in the fifth. Oakland's only other baserunner was Caren Lansford, who singled with two out in the sixth.

Dan Mattingly opened the Yankees' fourth against Storm Davis with a double and Clark followed with his eighth home run.

Results

	American League	National League
Boston	12 California	2
Detroit	3 Chicago	1
New York	2 Oakland	2
Baltimore	7 Seattle	2
Cleveland	8 Kansas City	2
Milwaukee	7 Toronto	2
(1) Minnesota	12 Texas	5
(2) Minnesota	4 Texas	2
Houston	2 St Louis	1

Orioles score 2nd straight victory

BALTIMORE, May 23. (AP): After almost two months of the most dismal baseball in history, things may finally be looking up for the Baltimore Orioles.

They combined the five-hit pitching of rookie Jose Bautista and Mike Morgan with home runs by Larry Sheets and Cal Ripken to defeat the Seattle Mariners 7-2 yesterday for their first two-game winning streak of the 8-34 season.

Seattle's Mike Moore walked four of the first nine batters he faced but held the Orioles hitless until the fourth when he issued a leadoff walk to Eddie Murray and Sheets hit a two-run homer, his third, giving the Orioles a 2-0 lead.

Ripken made it 4-0 in the fifth with his seventh homer with Keith Hughes on base via a single.

Bautista had retired 14 batters in a row when a two-out single by Ken Phelps in the seventh. Mickey Brantley followed with a home run to cut the Orioles' lead.

However, Baltimore scored three times in the eighth on a hit batsman and a balk, both with the bases loaded, and Hughes' sacrifice fly.

John Candelaria pitched a

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- All participants must have the following equipment:
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- Anchor suitable for the size of the boat and a 25 metre (minimum) rope.
- At least three red safety flares and a fire extinguisher.
- Boats must be adequately supplied with fuel sufficient to cover the race distance.
- Any battery or fuel tank leakages must be well-checked and repaired before the race.
- Each boat should carry either a telephone or a 2 way radio system.

Failure to comply with the above regulations and safety requirements will result in disqualification. Scrutineering will be held prior to the race, and competitors must display their safety equipment on the deck of the boat.

Bulletins detailing further requirements/information will be issued from time to time.

- Participation is open to all Gulf Citizens and residents who have lived in the Gulf for a minimum of six months.

- Last date for accepting entries is May 30, 1988.

Entry fee per person KD 15.000



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SPORTS

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Zola Budd

LONDON, May 23. (Reuter): Zola Budd, who returned to her native South Africa on May 10 suffering from nervous exhaustion, remains suspended from British athletics until she appears before a British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) inquiry committee, the BAAB said today.

KCL tourney

THE Kuwait Cricket League announced yesterday that the 1988 KCL Summer Cricket League would start at the KCL Ground, at Sabah Al Salem area, from June 3. Interested teams should contact Sajid Rizvi, president, Kuwait Cricket League before May 31, 1988. Tel. 5332052.

Chess champion

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, May 23. (AP): World champion Gary Kasparov of the Soviet Union yesterday scored a hard-fought victory in seventh-round action to strengthen his leading position in the Amsterdam chess tournament.

Hockey tourney

NAIROBI, May 23. (Reuter): Canada, India, hosts Kenya, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and Spain will take part in a hockey tournament here from June 10 to 17. Hardev Singh, secretary of the Kenya Hockey Union, said today.

French Oaks

PARIS, May 23. (Reuter): Riviera D'Or and Norland placed one-two-a neck apart in the Prix Saint-Alary at Longchamp yesterday and will race each other again in the Prix de Diane Hermes - the French Oaks — at Chantilly in three weeks time.

Belgian Cup

ANTWERP, Belgium, May 23. (Reuter): Romanian teenager Stela Purca clocked the world's fastest time of the year for the 200 metres butterfly at the Belgian Cup international swimming competition yesterday.

Stanley Cup

BOSTON, May 23. (Reuter): Esa Tikkanen scored three goals to give the Edmonton Oilers a 6-3 win over the Boston Bruins yesterday and a commanding three games to none lead in the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup final.

Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, May 23. (Reuter): Three-time winner Johnny Rutherford headed the list of final qualifiers yesterday for the 72nd Indianapolis 500 motor race, but two-time winner Gordon Johncock failed to make the field.

Major setback

LONDON, May 23. (Reuter): British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan said yesterday the crowd violence at the England-Scotland match was a 'major setback' to the hopes of English soccer clubs being re-admitted to Europe next season.

Arab Cup

AMMAN, May 23. (Kuna): The chairman of the Kuwait Soccer Association Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah today confirmed the participation of the Kuwaiti national soccer team in the finals of the 5th Arab Cup, which is scheduled to be held here from July 8 to 23.

Colonial golf

POTWORTH, Texas, May 23. (Reuter): Lanny Wadkins came from five strokes off the pace yesterday to win the \$75,000 Colonial National Invitation golf tournament by one stroke.

MCENROE STEALS SHOW ON OPENING DAY

Graf and Agassi cruise into second round

PARIS, May 23. (Reuter): Steffi Graf began her defence of the French Open title with an untypically distracted display on the opening morning of the championships today.

The teenage champion, winner of the Australian Open at Flinders Park, Melbourne, last January, beat France's Nathalie Guerrier 6-0 6-4 but gave the impression she would rather have spent the time elsewhere.

Bidding to become the first woman since Margaret Court in 1970 to complete the Grand Slam of all four major championships, Graf threatened to blast Guerrier of the centre court at Roland Garros in an 18-minute first set which was a statistician's delight.

Savage

The West German launched the championships by surrendering a mere 11 points — three on serve — in the six games as Guerrier, ranked 232nd in the world, struggled to cope with the title holder's savage forehand.

But at 2-0 and 40-15 in the second set, Graf became alarmingly careless as if she was already planning her afternoon in the sun by the River Seine.

"It had been very easy up to that point," said Graf. "Then I took a volley at the net when the ball had been going out and that

completely threw me. I was rushing too much, tried too hard to make every shot a winner and just took too many risks."

Andre Agassi's return to Roland Garros attracted a large audience to the centre court where the ninth seed outclassed Italian number one Paolo Cane 6-4 6-1 6-2.

The combination of warm, hazy sunshine and the 1988 Paris debut of the 18-year-old American brought out the rich and famous and there was standing room only in the players' box, further evidence of Agassi's growing standing in the game.

Hana Mandlikova, once of Czechoslovakia now of Australia who was champion here in 1981 as an exciting 19-year-old, began her campaign with smooth 6-1 6-1 win over her new compatriot Elizabeth Minter.

But even Agassi had to bow to the magical appeal of John McEnroe, a straight set winner over unpredictable Russian Andre Volkov.

The old master left Roland Garros in disgrace 12 months ago after losing to Argentine Horacio de la Pena on the centre court in the first round.

With Peter Fleming offering encouragement from the front row of the grandstand in his mul-



Graf: distracted in the 2nd set

tipole-role of assistant coach, manager and unpaid nanny, McEnroe was in mellow mood, winning 7-6 6-1 7-6 on the bullring-shaped number one court.

Still viewed as the world's greatest living tennis player by some, McEnroe had been scheduled to appear on the centre court, but allowed Agassi that privilege in the hope of a quiet life away from the 16,500 capacity showpiece arena.

McEnroe's switch was in vain. They were even sitting in the

aisles in the press box.... and that during the famous Roland Garros lunch which includes unlimited free beaujolais.

Back on the centre court, Yannick Noah was serving up champagne tennis his effortless 7-6 6-1 6-4 win over West German Rolf Osterlun.

Out on court two, third seed Mats Wilander, the winner here in 1982 and 1985 beat Josef Cihak of Czechoslovakia in three sets of unmattered boredom.

Wilander's tedious 7-5 7-5 6-1

victory in almost three hours recalled his most famous joke — a Swedish tennis player and a Czechoslovak tennis player fling themselves out of a 40th storey window, who lands first? Answer: who cares?

Results

1 — Steffi Graf (West Germany) beat Natalie Gruzlewski (France) 6-0 6-4

2 — Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany) beat Angeliki Kanellopoulou (Greece) 6-2 6-4, Linda Ferraro (Italy) beat Kathleen Horvath (US) 6-2 2-6 6-3,

Louise Field (Australia) beat Carole Christian (US) 6-1 4-6 6-1, Paul Annacone (US) beat Tarik Beulahs (France) 6-3

6-3 6-4 Francesca Cuccinelli (Italy) beat Barbara Schett (Austria) 6-3 6-2 6-6 6-2 10 — Zina Garrison (US) beat Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) 6-2 6-1 6-1 6-1 6-1 11 — Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Tomáš Šmíd (Czechoslovakia) 6-2 6-1 6-1 6-1 6-1 12 — Todd Whisen (US) beat Branislav Stanković (Czechoslovakia) 6-4 6-0 6-3 Francisco Yusis (Argentina) beat Eduardo Osés (Spain) 6-2 6-4 6-2 6-3 Donna Faber (US) beat Catherine Mottez (France) 6-0 6-4

13 — Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Tomas Šmíd (Czechoslovakia) 6-3 6-1 6-3

14 — Andre Agassi (United States) beat Paavo Nurmi (Finland) 6-4 6-1 6-2

15 — Yannick Noah (France) beat Jean-Pierre Parrot (France) 6-1 7-6 6-1 6-1 16 — John McEnroe (US) beat Alexander Volkov (Soviet Union) 7-6 (7-2) 6-1 7-6 (7-1) 21-6 — Yannick Noah (France) beat Osterlun (West Germany) 6-1 6-2 6-3 6-1 6-1 17 — Todd Whisen (US) beat Branislav Stanković (Czechoslovakia) 6-4 6-0 6-3 Francisco Yusis (Argentina) beat Eduardo Osés (Spain) 6-2 6-4 6-2 6-3 18 — Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Tomáš Šmíd (Czechoslovakia) 6-3 6-3 6-3 6-3 19 — Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) beat Maider Laval (France) 6-1 7-6 6-1 6-1 20 — Andre Agassi (United States) beat Arnaud Boetsch (France) beat Mel Purcell (US) 6-4 6-1 2-6 7-5 21 — Jorge Lozano (Spain) beat Broderick Dyke (Australia) 6-4 6-3 7-5 22 — Eduardo Masso (Argentina) beat Amos Mansdorf (Israel) 6-4 6-6 6-1 10 retired injured

23 — Alberto Torro (Spain) beat Ramesh Krishnan (India) 6-1 7-5 6-3 6-4

24 — Federico Bonazzoli (Italy) beat Hu Na (US) 5-7 6-4 6-3

25 — Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) beat Milos Srebeck (Czechoslovakia) 7-5 6-0 6-3

26 — Marcelo Filippi (Uruguay) beat John Ross (US) 6-4 7-5 6-3

27 — Emilio Sanchez (Spain) beat Mansour Bahrami (Iran) 6-1 7-5 6-3 Radka Zrubná (Czechoslovakia) beat Monica Jäver (United States) 6-0 6-0 Maria Strandlund (Sweden) 1-6 6-2 6-4 Michael Gercury (West Germany) beat Patrick Baur (West Germany) 6-4 6-3 6-4

28 — Greg Norman (Australia) beat Tomáš Šmíd (Czechoslovakia) 6-4 6-1 6-1 6-1 29 — Carl Hooper and Jeff Dujon saw the West Indies through to 100 before bad light caused another interruption

When play resumed, Hooper was the third wicket to remove Greenidge and Richardson pushed the score on to 75 before the wickets began to tumble with three falling in the space of four runs.

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Logie lasted four deliveries

before he was run out by a direct throw from Allan Lamb while chasing a quick single.

Richards was bogged down by the English bowling for 38 minutes before he tried to hit out at a ball from Defreitas and was caught by John Embly.

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The match continues

Nigerian wins Italian Open

COMO, Italy, May 23. (Reuter): Greg Norman went a considerable way towards paying for the Ferrari he bought here by winning an all-Italian battle with Craig Parry for the Italian Open golf title Monticello yesterday.

After earlier rain forced the final two rounds to be played in one day, Norman fired a 63 in the morning and a 70 in the afternoon for a 15-under-par 270 total.

But he had to wait more than an hour to see if Parry, third at last year's European Tour

qualifying school, could catch him. Parry needed just one birdie on the closing holes, but could not get it.

It was Norman's 47th victory worldwide and earned him £50,000 (\$63,700) to add to his appearance fee of around £4,000 (\$8,000).

Parry, 21, ended a stroke behind after shooting 67-71.

Northern Ireland's Rohan Rafferty, beaten only once in their last 14 matches, will look to Peter Beardsey to provide much of their ammunition — if he recovers in time from a toe injury.

England seek to improve strike rate

LONDON, May 23. (Reuter): The most worrying statistic for England manager Bobby Robson, as his side prepare to meet Colombia in their penultimate match before the European Championship, is that his forwards have scored only three goals in four internationals.

England were more generous to Scotland's overworked defence in Saturday's 1-0 win than they can afford to be to any of their opponents in the European tournament in West Germany next month, and their generosity brought a plea from Robson for more of a killer instinct against the Colombians tomorrow.

Said Robson: "We faced some inspirational goalkeeping by Jim Leighton on Saturday, but we can expect to come up against plenty of that in West Germany. We must put away more of the chances we create."

The Colombians, playing the final game of a four-match tour aimed at preparing them for the 1990 World Cup, are expected to provide a much sterner test to England in the final match of the Rous Cup than the Scots did at Wembly on Saturday.

Colombia, who boast a win over world champions Argentina in last season's South American Championship, have shown a surprising range of skills in wins over the United States and Finland and a goalless draw with Scotland.

In mop-haired Carlos Valderrama, the 1987 South American Footballer of the Year who can play either as libero or a striker, they have a player of exceptional ability, and in-form striker Arnoldo Iguañan has scored three of their five goals on the tour.

While the Colombians will be relying on Valderrama to spark them at Wembly, England, beaten only once in their last 14 matches, will look to Peter Beardsey to provide much of their ammunition — if he recovers in time from a toe injury.

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